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#### GENERAL WEED QUESTIONS.

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#### INTRODUCTION.

The Station Botanist has been receiving yearly a large number of weeds for identification. Personal observation bears out the inference drawn from these inquiries, that there is general interest in the Ohio weed problem. Effort in weed destruction is oftentimes misdirected, while precautions against the introduction of new or troublesome weeds are frequently slighted. Suggestions of various sorts in the weed line may have a reason for publication. These suggestions may as rightly call a halt in measures directed against useful plants that tend to spread spontaneously, as to intensify efforts to subjugate real weed pests. The following pages are offered to Ohio cultivators in the hope that what appears in them will be of assistance both in recognizing and in dealing with weedy plants.

#### NATURE OF WEEDS.

Plant life upon the earth is essential. The husbandman is concerned with growing plants first of all, but he seeks to avoid those which are unprofitable. The plants which tend to grow where they are not desired he calls "weeds." Some of these weedy plants have been brought from Europe and Asia, while others are African or American. They all have this tendency to propagate themselves and to resist man's efforts to subdue them.

Weeds are plants out of place. But we may add that man's ideas of place are here considered. Civilized man has disturbed or overturned

conditions existing at his advent in America, introduced and cultivated a variety of plants and brought in, with or without intent, a goodly number that now torment him. Cultural conditions have been maintained, and weeds as long accustomed to these conditions as the cultivated plants themselves, in some cases even longer, flourish under them. They make the host of introduced weeds. Besides, certain native plants are occasionally better adapted to the new conditions than to the old; they accordingly thrive. Both the naturalized and native plants crowd the cultivated ones. We thus perceive that some weeds are inevitable when the wilderness has once been broken. The number of weeds and the damages resulting from them, will be altogether a matter of the wise efforts, both individual and collective, that are expended for their destruction. Weeds are destroyed or subdued that more valuable food plants may be grown.

#### HOW WEEDS INJURE THE HUSBANDMAN.

Weeds injure the husbandman in a variety of ways. They injure by offending his æsthetic nature, his taste; also by threatening, as his judgment assures him, conditions of taste or profit for the future. The æsthetic side is a large factor in depreciating the values of weedy and carelessly kept homesteads. This sort of injury is shared by the whole community when thoroughfares, be they public canals, railroads or common roadways, are permitted to remain uncared for.

Weeds injure by reducing the crop yield. It is the crop loss that receives more common estimate when damages from weeds are counted.

1. Weeds rob the soil of moisture.
2. Weeds crowd other plants thus depriving them of light and of space in both soil and air.
3. Weeds take up the food elements which are needed for other plants.
4. Weeds may harbor injurious fungi or insects.
5. They injure by killing stock (sheep-kill) or by rendering milk offensive (wild onion).
6. Weed seeds render certain products of the farm, such as clover seed, wheat and the like, unmarketable.

Other injuries might be enumerated and will suggest themselves. Perhaps the first point, robbery of the soil moisture through weeds, is one of the chief; this is especially true in fruiting orchards during drouth, when any removal of moisture by other plants may cause serious damage. I regard the robbery of moisture as a leading form of injury. Crowding causes large injury, particularly to young seedlings in cultivation. The third form of injury is general, like the first and second, but probably has been given its full value. Soil robbery and crowding as well as many other forms of injury will be in proportion to the number and growth of these persistent invaders.

## INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD OF WEEDS.

We have seen that weeds arise from their adaptation to the conditions man has brought about on the earth. The mutual plant and soil characters count for much here. With the continuous changes being wrought, new plants come into any given region. Some of them prove adapted to the conditions offered and show great powers of growth and reproduction. The Russian thistle illustrates the point fully. Bracted-plantain, broom-sedge, penny-cress and a host of others give the same evidence. Yet plants may grow harmlessly for a long time in a given situation to become aggressive in another. The tickseed sunflower, *Bidens trichosperma*, is found in swampy places. In a part of Mahoning county, as reported by Mr. Vickers, it became transplanted to upland roadsides, showing remarkable vigor in this new habitat. While a slight change of location may result in a change of habit, by far the commoner source of new pests is by introduction from remoter regions. There appeared in Ohio, to the writer's knowledge, in 1896, two plants newly introduced from Europe, both of them new to the United States as well as this state. They are a very small flowered catchfly, *Silene conica* L., found in crimson clover at Clyde, O., (see p. 285), and sandwort plantain, *Plantago arenaria* L., in the city of Dayton, (Fig. 55). It is to be noted that this is the third of the introduced species of plantain—narrow and bracted-plantain are quite well known as weeds in Ohio. Half a century ago, numerous species, now weed pests, were unknown in the state.

Weedy plants become introduced unintentionally, in seeds, in packing material, and so forth. The catchfly just mentioned came in crimson clover seed; the Russian thistle in flax seed, while bracted-plantain has been introduced in most Ohio counties in western clover seed. Prickly lettuce is dispersed in this manner; charlock is scattered in oats and sorrel, narrow plantain, panic-grasses, foxtail and others, are similarly dispersed. Once within a region, weeds become scattered by many special means. Some through the enclosing parts of the seed that attach them to animals by means of prickles, like cockle-bur, sticktights, tick trefoil, Spanish needles, beggar's-lice, hound's-tongue, agrimony and bur-grass. Yet other seeds are provided with a hair-like parachute to render them buoyant and thus be readily transported by the wind. Dandelion, thistles, milkweed, dogbane, prickly lettuce, asters, goldenrod and white-top have this abundant attachment to insure them wide dissemination. Occasionally weed seeds are provided with wings, as in the case of toad-flax and spurrey; the catalpa among trees has similar wings.



## CLASSES OF WEEDS.

Weedy plants are classified according to their life period :

I. Annuals, marked (A.) in the weed list, are those weeds which grow from seed each year or season and die after ripening seeds again. Ragweed, crab-grass, buffalo-bur, pigweed, lady's-thumb, lamb's-quarters, Russian thistle, purslane, foxtail, and a multitude of others are of this sort, and may be called summer annuals. Many of them are troublesome pests.

Some of the general class are winter annuals. They spring from seed in late summer or fall and survive the winter in the shape of small seedlings. White-top, prickly lettuce, shepherd's purse, chickweed and dead nettle, live over the winter in this manner. Chess and rye grow in the same way.

II. Biennials (B.) grow from seed but do not produce seed until the second season. Wild carrot, wild parsnip, common thistle, winter-cress, burdock, teasel, sweet clover, hound's-tongue and mullens belong here.

III. Perennials (P.) live year after year without renewal from another source. They grow from seeds, or from rootstocks and subterranean stems; once started they continue in the same spot or spread about it. All woody stemmed pests like briars, sassafras, roses, etc., belong here. But of the herbaceous perennials we have two classes according to underground propagation :

1. The pests with creeping or underground stems, by which the plant spreads : Horse nettle, Canada thistle, toad-flax, mints, moneywort, field bindweed, common bindweed, cypress spurge and bouncing-bet illustrate these features.

2. Perennials with ordinary roots and not spreading underground. Bulbous and tap-root weeds are in this class. Chicory, goldenrod, aster, vervains, motherwort, broad and narrow plantain and mallow have this character of root.

Lists of "worst," "bad" and "indifferent" weeds are of great interest, yet the plants in a list of "worst" weeds can not usually claim a large range. Sorrel is the worst weed upon the Station farm when a period of years is considered. The tabulated reports given in another place (see Tables I. II.,) show how the weeds are rated by the reporters. There are about one hundred weeds in Ohio that are always troublesome. Indifferent weeds are simply of less importance, for the time, than the plant under culture.

## VITALITY OF WEED SEEDS.

Weeds spring up sometimes in a most perplexing manner. After two seasons of comparative freedom from white-top, *Erigeron annuus* L., in clover, the fields are white with it this summer. Similarly, white clover

now covers nearly all old grass lands. Chess grows in wheat, mustards in clover, chickweed and shepherd's purse in gardens and ragweeds in wheat stubble about as often as the wheat rotation is repeated. An old hut is cleared away and new plants come into life where it stood. Earth from ditches, from wells and from cisterns is scattered but to bring forth strange growths. Hasty conclusions may easily be drawn from these occurrences. It would appear possible to explain most of them upon natural grounds. Take the example of white-top in clover fields: The season of 1896 was one of abundant rains throughout. We have but to conceive of the presence of seeds in the soil which germinated under the continued warmth and moisture. The same explanation appears to hold good for white clover and accounts for its prevalence. Likewise sorrel was unusually prevalent. It has been found by Dr. Beal,<sup>1</sup> that shepherd's purse, peppergrass, Mayweed, mullen, curled dock and others retained their vitality after being buried in the soil for fifteen years, but that they germinated slowly afterwards. Clover seed, likewise, retains its germinating power for many years when buried. Continued moisture and warmth are needful to sprout these buried seeds. Just such conditions prevail in a wet season. Following rainy seasons we may certainly expect weeds of several sorts to reappear.

One needs but to take earth from shallow depths in cultivated fields and place it for several weeks in a warm room or greenhouse, keeping it moist meanwhile, to learn how many buried seeds lie dormant in the soil of such fields. These tell of what has gone before; they are silent but capable witnesses. Buried seeds explain a multitude of asserted mysteries, and moreover, they must be duly estimated when one undertakes to keep a clean account with a crop. This stored weed seed is the account that generally shows a large credit balance.

#### AVOIDANCE AND DESTRUCTION OF WEEDS.

Successful measures in destroying weeds are founded upon a knowledge of the life of the weed and of its manner of propagation. To avoid introducing or propagating weeds is better than to expend labor destroying them. Some principles of weed destruction may be applied universally. All are based upon a knowledge of the plant to be destroyed.

1. Strive to prevent the seeding of all weedy plants and the introduction of weed seeds. This if attained will be sufficient to subdue annual and biennial weeds. It is valuable with all classes.

2. Perennial weeds of all sorts, and especially those with underground stems or extensive root systems, must be cut repeatedly to starve out these subterranean parts. With this class green leaves are the feeding organs and must be removed. Salt, coal oil, (kerosene) or strong sulfuric acid may be applied with or without cutting to reach the same

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<sup>1</sup>Agricultural Science, VIII, 283.

end. Cutting is probably the cheapest of all these effective measures, unless it be salting. Man-of-the-earth, Canada thistle, horse nettle, bouncing-bet and toad-flax suggest themselves at once.

3. Weeds that are "indicators," i. e. diagnostic of soil conditions are most cheaply controlled by removing the condition. Drain wet places to avoid sedges, apply lime or fertilizers to crowd out sorrel.

4. Persistence in the destruction of weeds by simple methods counts for much more than spasmodic effort and oftentimes for more than expensive processes. It would appear to some persons a waste of time to spend two seasons in eradicating a small patch of Canada thistles, although but a little time is required at each cutting. The same persons would spend more time at once in efforts to dig them up completely, only to find when the time has been spent, that the weeds have been spread by the process.

Some weeds may be eradicated while others may only be subjugated. Canada thistle is often eradicated in a particular spot, while for prickly lettuce this is a recurrent problem everywhere. The latter can not now be eradicated, while it may be subdued.

#### SEED IMPURITIES.

Weed seeds are a frequent impurity in seeds of clover and grasses as well as in hay and grain. The many weeds introduced in this manner gives but a faint idea of the extent of these impurities. They are referred to with greater exactness as to the plants and plant seeds concerned in different portions particularly, in describing the different weeds and in the table of seeds found in clover seed. New weeds are introduced but old ones are scattered widely with the consequent damage to the purchaser.

It seems possible for each grower to learn the commoner weed seeds, and to be able and on all occasions willing to recognize them. Seed dealers have a clear necessity in the matter. They are commonly on the alert with respect to seed impurities, and will carry the matter as far as is demanded by the patrons. There are many

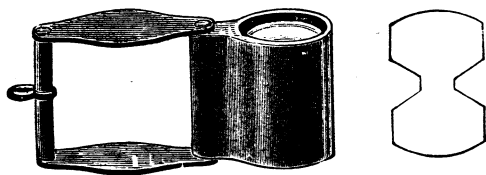


FIG. 1. Pocket Coddington and section of its lens, natural size.  
The best lens for ordinary examinations.

helps to the identification of seeds, some of which appear deserving of

mention. We have no single book, I believe, accessible in English, which illustrates or describes many weed seeds. Those who read German will find Nohbe's *Samenkunde* (Knowledge of Seeds) exceedingly useful. It treats of all questions pertaining to seeds, their structure, testing, impurities, and the detection of the latter. This work was published in Berlin by Wiegandt, Hempel & Parey, in 1876, but may still be obtained from the second-hand book stores. The English reader, familiar with botanical names, can make good use of the 339 woodcuts, chiefly representing seeds of interest to us. But aside from books, by investing in a few dozens of small glass bottles (vials) and labels, one can soon make a valuable and useful collection of seeds. The collecting being done from known plants and the vials labeled accordingly, the seeds would be available for reference at all times. Collections of seeds may also be put up in sheets as suggested by Dr. B. D. Halsted. Heavy bristol board is perforated with a wad-cutter, then by pasting gummed paper or other bristol over the back, placing the seeds in the holes and covering the seeds, the whole with glass or each orifice by a small cover slip of thin glass or mica, the labeled samples will be so placed that seeds to be identified may be compared with them. We have found that if well gummed labels are used for the back these may be moistened again after putting on, and the seeds will adhere firmly, being protected by the sides of the board. In such a case the holes need not be over half an inch or even less in diameter.

Very generally a magnifying glass will be needed in addition to all other aids. Some of these are made more expressly for such work, but the grower will wish to purchase one that will meet various needs, such as the examination of parts of plants, fungous spots and insects. For this purpose the pocket Coddington lens, of one-half inch focus, is perhaps the best low priced lens. It is shown in Fig. 1 and costs about one dollar and fifty cents for the half inch focus. This is the most desirable size to purchase for general use.

The pocket lenses with fancy rubber and nickel frames, made up of one to three glasses, are not to be compared with it in effectiveness. The best, very cheap magnifier is the "linen tester," Fig. 2. It commonly sells at from thirty-five to forty cents for each lens, and will usually be more efficient than the rubber cased lenses just mentioned and will cost about one-half or one-third, as much. The linen tester is not

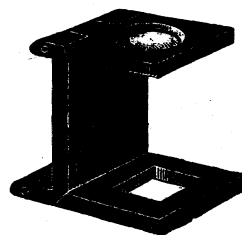


FIG. 2. Linen Tester,  
natural size.  
A good cheap magnifier.

well suited to seed work. For seed merchants Fig. 3 shows a useful lens

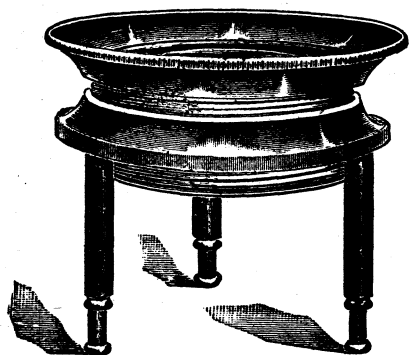


FIG. 3. Lens mounted on tripod, natural size. A good glass to examine seed for impurities; less desirable than the Pocket Coddington.

of about one inch focus mounted on tripod. It does not magnify sufficiently for many purposes but is good for rapid examination of a seed sample to separate impurities. The seed being placed upon a paper on a level table the glass is stood upon it. It costs about fifty cents. Any of these lenses may be purchased through opticians or jewelers or will be sent by the makers postage paid upon receipt of catalog price. The above cuts were furnished by the Bausch and Lomb Optical Co., of Rochester, N. Y., who are makers of such articles.

#### SEED INSPECTION.

Not only should seeds be inspected to determine their purity, but their vitality as well. This is a serious matter to the vegetable grower, with whom the difference between strains of the same variety is often very great. With the celery farmer a supply of bad seed causes him large losses. In any statute concerning weed-seed impurities as in Sec. 7001 R, S. Ohio, there should be some authority designated to examine seed in order to make the law operative. If there has been a conviction under that statute in the many years since it was enacted, it has never been known to me. The U. S. Department of Agriculture is carrying on "pure seed investigations" through its seed division and it would appear that the time approaches when the State will be required to provide for similar seed control to that maintained in some foreign countries. Meanwhile the small amount of examination made by the Botanical Department of the Experiment Station represents the demand for it. In this work there is opportunity to do a good deal more should it be required.

#### WEED LEGISLATION.

Weed destruction or subjugation requires individual and collective or communal effort. This arises from the manner of seed dispersion. If one farm produces weeds and seeds in abundance, adjacent areas will be covered by them. Wares offered for sale may contain noxious seeds. The necessity for reasonable weed legislation is well established, but unfortunately there is room for much improvement in Ohio weed statutes.

There are now in force an act to prevent the vending of seeds con-



taining seeds of certain weedy plants—Section 7001; a law providing for the destruction of weeds, briars and so forth, along partition fences—Section 4255 1-5 R. S., and two recent acts requiring the destruction of Canada and Russian thistles, wild lettuce and wild mustard. There appears to be no provision made for the destruction of weeds upon the property of the State, as along canals and about reservoirs. Under these circumstances much good may be accomplished by the enactment of an adequate and at the same time readily adjustable state weed law.

To be effective a weed law must be specific with respect to the weeds to be destroyed, while the dates assigned for work and the methods employed must be adapted to these plants. It must also be susceptible of change as to the plants named in it. This is made necessary by the constant introduction of new weeds. A weed law should furthermore, impose weed destruction in such a manner as to lay the least burden, while at the same time fixing the responsibility upon the persons benefitted by it, namely, the persons using the land.

A weed law must further be operative. The careless user of land is often easy to offend. A definite officer may rightly be charged with the duty of supervision rather than to leave it to the complaint of a neighbor. It should be drawn so as to secure the cutting of weeds along thoroughfares, whether public or corporate. And lastly, it should expect the State to deal with its public works and lands as individual citizens are required to deal with each other on the weed question. A Bulletin, No. 17, Division of Botany<sup>2</sup> United States Department of Agriculture has been recently issued. It contains the outline of a state weed law. This might be slightly changed so as to adapt it to our general requirements, and offers a possible basis for some better statute.

Apparently the time is at hand for the agricultural interests of Ohio to make certain of the enactment of some working measure.

#### DESCRIPTIVE ILLUSTRATED LIST OF OHIO WEEDS.

In the list here given, it has been the aim to give some of the more obvious characters of each weed and to present illustrations of such of the noxious or new ones as appear to require it. Information looking to the recognition of the plant has been first in mind. Seed characters are presented where possible. The best known methods of eradication or subjugation have been given in every case. Where plants have been classed as noxious upon insufficient grounds, correction is offered. In a few instances the uses of plants are stated. Parasites, with the exception of the dodders, are omitted.

The plants are grouped according to a recognized plan among botanists.\* Those of similar characters will thus be found in sequence

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\* Legislation Against Weeds, by Lyster H. Dewey.

\*The systematic arrangement and technical nomenclature of the Botanical Club Check List have been followed. This begins with the lower orders.

under families or orders. Noting that individual plants, rather than groups, appeal to the ordinary weed observer, the matter of classification is not made prominent. Enough has been given to determine the order or family in every case, if the name is known. In mentioning the parts of plants the simplest accepted terms have been applied. One seeking to find the name of a plant may proceed in any one of the several ways. The indexes at the end, the analytical key, the resemblance to some plant illustrated or known will assist according to the circumstances. The resemblance of a given plant to some one of a known family will aid greatly in the use of the indexes. The annual (A) biennial (B) and perennial (P) weeds are distinguished. The technical names of weeds introduced from beyond our borders are designated by an asterisk.

#### DESCRIPTION OF WEED SEEDS.

An effort has been made to describe the weed seeds likely to be met with in commercial seeds and forage. These descriptions are given in popular language and with as much exactness as has seemed possible; in nearly all cases they were made from specimens, the remainder are based on Nobbe's illustrations. The descriptions will no doubt be found to be of unequal value and frequently quite inadequate. The only magnifier employed was a Coddington lens of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch focus such as illustrated in Figure 1. At a later date it may be possible to resume the descriptions of weed seeds with illustrations in all cases. Where new cuts were made the illustration of seeds was included.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

The list is based upon the material accumulated from correspondence during the past three years, including the many cordial responses to requests for lists of roadside weeds made in Bulletin 59, and upon the results of personal investigations. The contributed roadside weed lists are given in the tables at the end of the bulletin, with name and location of correspondent. It has appeared best to base estimates of a goodly number of weeds quite largely on the known botanical characters of the plants in question. An occasional patch of toad-flax or of bouncing-bet, or a cemetery overrun in parts with cypress spurge and periwinkle commonly excites little apprehension until it is too late; the true characters of these plants and a host of others are not realized. Likewise the frequency of certain weed seeds in commercial seeds and hay may appear at times to be stated in strong terms; but these statements are based upon the results of examinations made at the Station. It may be admitted that correspondents are more likely to send impure seeds than clean seed without altering greatly the status of the question. The responsibility must finally be laid where it belongs.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I am under many obligations to correspondents throughout the state and especially to the contributors from eighty counties whose names and reports are given in the tables of this bulletin. The cordial assistance and the continued interest must be acknowledged as contributing largely to the nature and scope of the list.

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Mr. B. H. Thorne and Miss L. C. Riddle have greatly assisted in the tabulation of reports on roadside weeds; the former also in the preparation of other matter for this report.

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NOTE.—I have inquiries asking me to recommend books on botany for self instruction, or for use on the farm. These more commonly seek to find books teaching the names of plants with statement of characters. Upon this branch, Systematic Botany, there are several good works:

1. *Britton and Brown's Illustrated Flora of the Northern States and Canada*, 3 vols., each \$3.00, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Each species is illustrated and described. Two volumes have been issued. This is a work to be recommended for the libraries of horticultural societies, granges and farmers' clubs. It is useful to all students of botany.

2. *Gray's Manual of Botany*, (6th edition.) 1 vol. \$1.80, American Book Co., New York, Cincinnati, etc. A standard work on the botany of the northern states. Indispensable to botanical students.

3. *Gray's Revised Lessons in Botany*. American Book Co., is an elementary treatise on botany, but gives no names of plants—simply elements to prepare for that.

4. *Gray's Field Book of Botany*, Revised by Bailey, 1 vol., \$2.00. Commonly bound with the lessons. American Book Co., Cincinnati. This book will be found the most helpful to those dealing with cultivated plants. The wild plants are not all included.

I. PTERIDOPHYTES—Plants reproduced from spores by means of a prothallus.

FERN FAMILY, ORDER FILICES.

1. Brake Fern, (P.)

*Pteris aquilina* L.

The brake or eagle fern often infests partly tamed, sandy soils and chokes out grasses. Its tall, 2 to 5 ft., fronds (leaves) are much parted, while the young sprouts are coiled like a shepherd's crook. The sprouts are used as pot-herbs. Clearing up, plowing and manuring the land will make it possible to seed to grass.

2. Sensitive Fern, (P.)

*Onoclea sensibilis* L.

The leaf-like (sterile) and fruit-like (fertile) fronds of this fern appear together in moist meadows and on the borders of thickets. It is dealt with by drainage and tillage.

3. Cinnamon Fern, (P.)

*Osmunda cinnamomea* L.

This fern is often found in swampy places and near springs and brooklets. Its fronds are very tall, 3 to 5 ft. high, and have the stalks covered with rusty wool. It may be destroyed by draining the soil and grubbing out the rootstocks.

4. Flowering Fern, (P.)

*Osmunda Claytoniana* L.

Much like the last but differing in having an open interval about the middle of the frond; to be dealt with in the same manner.

HORSETAIL FAMILY, ORDER EQUISETACEÆ.

5 Horsetail, (P.)

*Equisetum arvense* L.

The common horsetail is met with upon moist road embankments and in wet grass lands. In the early season many small, pale, arrow-like stalks with yellowish heads make their appearance; these are followed by feathery, tail-like, leafy, green shoots. These plants are merely symptomatic and indicate lack of drainage. The lack supplied, cultivation will dispose of the horsetail.



II. MONOCOTYLEDONES—Plants with but one seed leaf (cotyledon) and leaves parallel-veined.

CATTAIL FAMILY, ORDER TYPHACEÆ.

6. Cattail, (P.) *Typha latifolia* L.  
The cattail is a frequent obstruction in ditches and moist places.

BURREED FAMILY, SPARGANIACEÆ.

7. Burreed (P.) *Sparganium eurycarpum* Engelm.  
Like the cattail, the burreed is frequent in wet places and may be much in the way. Such aquatic plants are subjugated when the excess of water is removed by drainage.

PONDWEED FAMILY, NAIADACEÆ.

8. Floating Pondweed, (P.) *Potamogeton natans* L.  
This species and others of the genus occur in canals and reservoirs. When growing abundantly in canals such plants are an obstruction to navigation.

WATER-PLANTAIN FAMILY, ALISMACEÆ.

9. Common Water-plantain, (P.) *Alisma Plantago-aquatica* L.  
The water-plantain occurs about the borders of watering ponds or in depressed grass areas covered with water a portion of the year.

- 10 Arrowhead, (P.) *Sagittaria latifolia* Willd.  
This common arrowhead, and at times some others not readily separated from it, are found in wet places or in water. They are chiefly objectionable because of the harbors afforded by them. Muskrats live to a considerable extent upon the roots of these and other aquatic plants. The reduction of wet areas to the smallest amount will be a profitable preventive.

GRASS FAMILY GRAMINEÆ.

11. Johnson-grass, (P.) *Andropogon Halepensis* (L.) Brot.  
Among the forage plants which are capable of doing much harm we must include Johnson-grass. It has strong, creeping rootstocks and like quack-grass will spread by means of them. Unless one is ready to give the land up to this grass, the cultivation of it should not be undertaken. The seeds do not as yet appear to have become intermixed with other grasses,

## 12. Big Blue-stem, (P.)

*Andropogon provincialis* Lam.

This is a tall, finger-spiked, beard-grass, distributed in dry or sterile soil, over central and northern Ohio; it grows 3 to 4 feet high. In the early season it makes a dense, tufted growth, when it is readily eaten by stock. After blossoming the stems are hard and woody. It is apparently not to be feared as an intruder.

## 13. Broom-sedge (P.)

*Andropogon Virginicus* L.

Broom-sedge, Fig. 4, is a weedy grass that has moved to the northward. Native and abundant in the south, and apparently in the southern counties, it has latterly spread over much of Ohio not originally infested by it. It grows in dense tufts, 3 to 5 ft. high, its early light green and later brown color being in contrast with the other grasses. In the fall its plumed hairs are conspicuous. It is limited in weedy development to the dry, sandy soils of the state. In this respect it is like sorrel, but unlike the latter it does not seem to be controlled by enriching the soil. The sandy uplands of the coal measure districts appear to be the worst infested with broom-sedge. That part of the state lying east of a line drawn from Cleveland to the mouth of the Scioto river, marks the district in a general way, but the weed has not yet reached the northern counties of this section. Sandy soils predominate in a wide belt just west of the line named, especially where the native rocks are not covered by the drift. And in this belt, likewise, as well as in the district just named and in other sandy soils the broom-sedge may ultimately appear. A warning is here given to grub out the first bunches. I very well remember the first appearance of broom-sedge in northeastern Athens county in the early seventies. It has now invaded much of that county, while in Meigs, Jackson, Vinton, Lawrence and other counties it is a veritable pest.



FIG. 4. Broom-sedge.

Seeds straw-color, oat-like,  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. long, with  $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. awn at tip; tufts and plumes of fine hairs at base. They are supported by the plumes of attached hairs and thus they are widely scattered by the wind.

In destroying broom-sedge we must deal both with the seeds, which

mature as early as September and perhaps earlier, and with the dense matted roots as well. The seeds may be destroyed by burning the land over, the roots by tilling the ground. Indeed there are localities in which permanency in valuable grasses is rendered difficult by broom-sedge. Short rotations with clover are not in general use in these lands, any may prove a most valuable means of subduing the pest.

14. Another grass, the **Little Blue-stem**, *Andropogon scoparius* Michx., occurs locally in dry soil. It is much less prevalent than the one figured; it may be dealt with in the same manner.

15. **Old-witch Grass, (A.)** *Panicum capillare* L.

This weedy panic-grass is found over the state, preferring dry soils. The spreading "tickle", plume-like tops (panicles) break off in the fall and are blown into fence-rows.

The seeds are straw-color, very small,  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. long, one third as wide, smooth and shining. They occur frequently in clover and other seeds. Old-witch grass is an annual and must be prevented from maturing seeds by cutting and by removal or burning if it is gotten rid of.

16. **Barnyard-grass, Cocksfoot, (A.)** *\*Panicum Crus-galli* L.

This is a smooth stemmed, leafy, coarse growing grass, 1 to 4 ft. high. Its one sided spikelets and awned glumes have suggested the name of cocksfoot. It is abundant around barnyards and upon enriched cultivated lands. It is also common in low bottom lands following a crop that has been "laid by" early. This grass, because of its rapid growth late in summer, has been recommended to grow for forage like millet. It will certainly make fair yields treated in this way and proven usefulness may remove it from the weed list.

Seeds, straw-color to brown, flat on one side rounded on the other,  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. long, three-fifths as broad with short awn tip, very smooth and shining. Frequent in clover and millet seed.

The preceding, this and the two next succeeding grasses are late growths in "laid by" crops, also in many other places. To destroy them the prevention of seed ripening is all essential.

17. **Sprouting Crab-grass, (A.)** *Panicum proliferum* Lam.

The sprouting crab-grass is between this and the next; it is very much branched. The anthers are a characteristic saffron yellow. The spreading growth contrasts with the others. It springs up along stream borders, sidewalks and in grassy yards, often with crab-grass. It is a decided weed, to be dealt with as the next.

## 18. Crab-grass, Finger-grass, (A.)

\**Panicum sanguinale* L.

To one who cares for a large, much trodden lawn or a tasty garden, crab-grass makes good midsummer rains almost a burden; following these showers it springs up in nearly all early grass tracts, in gardens, meadows and cultivated fields. Its stems strike root where they touch the earth and most careful labor is required to clean it out. Withal it is highly nutritious, and often furnishes one or two crops of hay in southern (Tennessee) grainfields. In Ohio it ranks only as a pest so far as known to the writer. It is also called Polish millet. Fig. 5. shows the appearance of the weed.

Seeds straw-color, small,  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. long, like old-witch grass, but more pointed.

Thorough, late tillage to destroy all plants and seeds or other removal of them will be required to get rid of this weed.

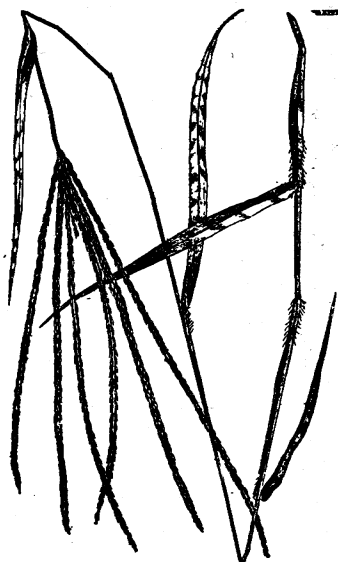


FIG. 5. Crab-grass.

## 19. Foxtail, Pigeon-grass, (A.)

\**Chamæraphis glauca* (L.) Kuntze.

The common or yellow foxtail with dense, spiked heads like millet, is everywhere known. It comes in cultivated fields after the crops are laid by, in stubble, in lawns, meadows and in pastures. It also springs up where any vacant space is left in the oat fields, as between plots of Station work. The bristles in the dense heads are upwardly barbed.

Seeds flattened on one side,  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. long, and more than half as wide, straw-color to dark brown, with dense, transverse wrinkles all over them. Very common in clover seed, millet and seeds of late grasses.

Late cultivation, cutting, burning or other seed destruction is required in subduing this grass. Its seeds are evidently stored in most cultivated soils. This weed is attacked by a smut, *Ustilago panici-glauca* (Wallr.) Wint., which has destroyed the seeds to a measureable extent about the Station the past two years; this smut does not attack grains.

## 20. Green Foxtail, Bottle-grass, (A.)

\**Chamæraphis viridis* (L.) Porter.

Resembles the common yellow foxtail, but has a green head and usually green bristles. The heads are more tapering towards the top. Occurring in rich, cultivated fields.

Seeds resembling the last but with slightly different markings. The grass should be destroyed like the common foxtail.



FIG 6. Bur-grass. Showing branch and enlarged bur.

(After Vasey, Report Botanist, 1890, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)



## 21. Bur-grass, Sand-bur, (A.)

*Cenchrus tribuloides* L.

This vile weed is illustrated in Fig. 6. It is of itself sufficiently illustrated for those who have been in close contact with it. The stems are branched, about 1 foot high, and spikes well armed. The one characteristic feature is the many pointed, rigid bur enclosing the seeds; this drops or is detached and carries the seeds with it. Bur-grass appears to be scattered over the entire state in sandy soils. It is found to be a most pernicious weed. Along the shores of Lake Erie I have noticed it frequently. The spines are very hard and stiff. It is worse than cockle-bur or burdock in its penetrating powers. See Fig. 6.



FIG. 7. Nimble Will.

Fire and hand gathering should go together in destroying it. Waste, sandy areas harboring it should be burned over annually.

## 22. Nimble Will, Dropseed-grass, (P.)

*Muhlenbergia diffusa* Schreb.

Nimble Will, Fig. 7, is a low, much branched weedy grass with wiry culms (stems) one to two feet long, also called wire-grass. It is common on dry hill-sides and along pathways. Seeds, slender and inconspicuous.

Cultivation and rotation with clover may be successfully used in dealing with this grass.

23. Mexican Drop-seed, Wood-grass, (P.) *Muhlenbergia Mexicana* Trin.

This grass is a much branched perennial, growing in damp ground, especially in wood-lands. It is of no agricultural value and is frequently received for name. While resembling the last it has lateral and more compact panicles. Cultivation and drainage will displace it.

## 24. Wild Oat, (A.)

*\*Avena fatua* L.

Wild oat, Fig. 8, has been introduced at two points or more in the state, and should be destroyed promptly wherever found. It has become very troublesome from Minnesota to Oregon and elsewhere westward. It may be looked for in oats or forage and in some other western seeds.



FIG. 8. Wild Oat.

Seed grain, usually larger than cultivated oat, ripening earlier and irregularly, each floret falling as soon as ripe, the lower with long, stout, twisted and bent awns. The floral glume about the grain is hairy below the middle, nearly black at maturity.

Gathering and burning the plants before the seeds ripen is the method of destruction now needed.

25. Wild Oat-grass, Poverty-grass, (P.)

*Danthonia spicata* Beauv.

Dry sterile banks, or hard, but poorly seeded infertile grass lands are covered in early summer by this light green, tufted grass. The leaves are short and narrow, usually rolled. The stems (culms) are slender, 10 to 20 inches high, with few seeds. After flowering the leaves and stems dry up and give a desolate appearance.

It is rightly named "poverty-grass," indicating an impoverished condition. Manuring, rotation with clover and reseeding will soon rid the land of this grass and cause a better growth in its stead.

26. Stinking-grass, Pungent Meadow-grass, (A.) \**Eragrostis major* Host

Stinking-grass, Fig. 9, is another of the weedy annual grasses. It is quite showy and may be readily recognized from the peculiar form of the panicles (heads.) It grows in cultivated or waste grounds and in yards. When fresh it emits a strong, unpleasant odor.

Seeds very small, nearly round, of a light reddish color, without adherent glumes. Frequent in timothy seed.

To destroy this weed it must be prevented from seeding, either by uprooting or by late cultivation.



FIG. 9. Stinking-grass.

27. Crowfoot, Dog's-tail Grass (A.)

\**Eleusine Indica* (L.) Gærtn.

Crowfoot, a two-to-five-fingered grass, grows to a height of a foot or more and is prevalent in walks and yards. The spikes are thicker than those of

crab-grass and the whole growth is sturdier. It should be taken out with a hoe before seeding.

28. **Wire-grass, Flat-stemmed Blue-grass, (P.)** \**Poa compressa* L.

While of much more value than most of the preceding, this grass, by its creeping rootstocks, tends to crowd out more valuable sorts. In the light soils of southeastern Ohio this is generally the case. In mowing the flat stems are very hard to cut and this leads to the name of wire-grass. Upon thin, light soils, where no other grasses can be grown successfully, it will yield rather scant herbage.

Seeds like Kentucky blue-grass but less downy.

Cultivation for one or more years in some summer crop is necessary to kill out wire-grass satisfactorily. This result is not secured by taking a single crop of wheat and reseeding.

29. **Chess, Cheat, (A.)** \**Bromus secalinus* L.

Chess needs no discription and no apology for including it in a list of weeds. It is a winter annual. From the fact that it frequently comes in wheat where clean seed has been sown the notion that wheat turns to chess has gained prevalence. But the chess plant springs from chess seed as certainly as wheat springs from wheat seed. The seeds, however, appear to retain their vitality for a long time and the presence of such seeds in the soil will account for its appearance under some circumstances. The vitality of buried seeds has been already discussed.

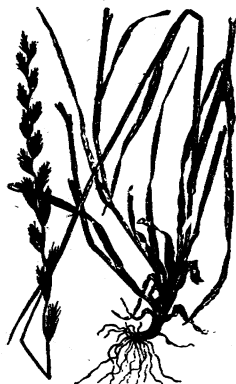


FIG. 10. Perennial Rye-grass.  
[After Millspaugh.]

Seeds slender  $\frac{5}{16}$ — $\frac{3}{8}$  in. long, with adhering glumes. Occasionally found in wheat, in oats and in clover seed. Distinguished from oats by darker color and smaller size of grain.

Chess, like wheat, dies after seeding. To prevent seed from ripening and to avoid sowing chess in other seeds is the remedy. It may be pulled out of the grain fields when present in limited amount. Ground may be freed from buried seeds by thorough, continuous cultivation.

30. **Slender Chess, (A.)** \**Bromus tectorum* L.

Slender chess is occasionally found in different parts of the state. It is gradually becoming introduced. The whole plant is lax, the panicles somewhat one-sided and covered with fine down. It should be destroyed in the same manner as cheat.

## 31. Perennial Ryè-grass, Darnel, (P.)

\**Lolium perenne* L.

The seeds of the common darnel, Fig. 10, are sometimes sent out for meadow fescue, *Festuca elatior* L., which they closely resemble. It is also spontaneous quite generally. In moist climates it is a reliable pasture grass for strong soils. While not ranking as a noxious weed it is here included that it may be distinguished from more valuable grasses.



FIG. 11. Quack-grass.

32. Quack-grass, Couch-grass, Wheat-grass, (P.) \**Agropyron repens* L.

Quack-grass, Fig. 11, ranks among the very worst weeds and is found locally in most counties. This grass grows 1 to 3 ft. high, from an extended, creeping, jointed rootstock, bearing spikes 3 to 10 in. long. The rootstocks are of the same character as those found in Johnson-grass and render this one of the most difficult plants to eradicate. A correspondent writes that the rootstocks in his field grew through potato tubers.

Seeds slender,  $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. long, the enclosing glume apparently three pointed. It is not yet prevalent in the seeds of commerce.

From what has been already said, it may be inferred that quack-grass is very difficult to destroy and that unless eradicated when found it will, in time, spread indefinitely. Not only must seeding be prevented but the creeping rootstocks must be starved out and destroyed. The method to be employed will be determined somewhat by the other circumstances. Where there are small areas containing it they should not be cultivated with the surrounding land. A small area may sometimes be smothered out by covering tightly with boards. Hoe cutting and salting at frequent intervals will be found effective. This is especially useful when the pest occurs in land pastured by sheep or cattle. In any case two or three years will be required to eradicate it and frequently a longer time. Where large tracts are infested

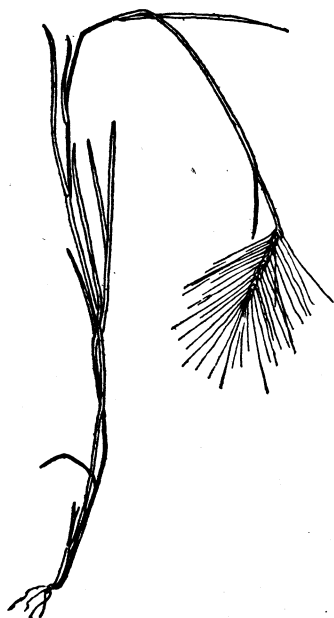


FIG. 12. Squirreltail-grass.

fences and other harbors should be removed and the whole carefully cultivated for a few years in some hoed crop.

33. Squirreltail-grass. (A. or B.)

*\*Hordeum jubatum*, L.

This weedy grass, Fig. 12, seems capable of invading many parts of Ohio. It has come from the west and has been established in several places, particularly is it noticable about Castalia, Erie Co., and near Toledo; it may spread to many districts not yet infested. The plant is usually 1 ft. high with a dense head two inches or more in length. The long awns and slender, sterile glumes give these so characteristic a look that one can scarcely be mistaken in the plant. It is related to barley.

Seeds, when stripped of glumes, much like rye in appearance,  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch long.

Squirreltail-grass should be gathered and burned wherever it is found. If this is practiced it may be prevented from becoming a general pest.

SEDGE FAMILY, CYPERACEÆ.

34. Galingale, (A. and P.) *Cyperus diandrus* Torr., *Cyperus strigosus* L.

There are several species of this genus, Fig. 13, growing in low wet ground and in ditches. They have grass-like leaves and at the top clusters of flattened, chess-like fruits, borne on cylindrical or triangular stems. The second one has corm-like tubers about the base, but distinguished from the next.

First of all, to be rid of them, the land must be underdrained and then thorough tillage is required to destroy the plants where they have become fully established,



FIG. 13. Galingale.  
(After Millsbaugh.)

35. Nutgrass, Chufa, (P.)

*Cyperus esculentus* L.

The nutgrass of Ohio is a species of galingale, *Cyperus*, and is not identical with that of the Atlantic and Gulf states which is *Cyperus rotundus*, an introduced weed. In character ours is a troublesome weed, very difficult to eradicate. Unlike the introduced pest, this produces few seeds and propagates itself chiefly by means of underground stems, bearing small, pear-shaped tubers  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. in length at intervals of a few inches. Stems are sent up to the surface at like intervals. Nutgrass is

limited to lands originally suited to it, namely, those that were low and quite wet. But upon draining these lands it is very difficult to eliminate the plant. Some lands of this sort that have been in cultivation for many years are far from rid of it. Like Canada thistle and quack-grass the stems and tubers underground must be starved out. To secure this clean hoe cultivation for two or more seasons will be required; even this may prove ineffectual if infested fence rows are left uncleaned.



FIG. 14. Sedge.  
(After Millsbaugh.)

### 36. Sedges, (P.)

*Carex sp.*

The sedges are numerous. Fig. 14 shows their grass-like appearance. The leaves are frequently lighter colored than the grasses, and the rough culms (stems) are mostly triangular. The sedges that intrude upon the cultivator are plants of wet soil which can only be disposed of after drainage and by subsequent thorough culture. When present they show that the ground is not in condition to yield right returns, without draining.

RUSH FAMILY, JUNCACEÆ.

### 37. Slender Rush, Knot-grass, (P.)

*Juncus tenuis* Willd.

The slender rush, sometimes called poverty-grass, has round, pithy, unbranched stems, 8 to 18 inches high, and seed pods at the summit. It grows in over moist soil like many of the preceding, and in trodden paths, but may often be cleaned out through cultivation. More drainage is the indicated need, where it occurs. The plant has little or no feeding value. It is properly not a grass.

### 38. Soft Rush, (P.)

*Juncus effusus* L.

A taller rush, growing 2 to 4 ft. high, is often met with in the depressions of pastures and in hollows. This soft rush is less frequent than the last and should be treated the same way.

LILY FAMILY, LILIACEÆ.

### 39. Day-lily, (P.)

\**Hemerocallis fulva* L.

The common, orange-colored day-lily often escapes from cultivation, especially about old house-sites and on roadsides. The roots are very tenacious and only stringent measures will destroy them. Hoe cutting and salting, as recommended for Canada thistle, should prove efficient here. The plant does not deserve a place in culture. It spreads generally from the root.

## 40. Wild Onion, Wild Garlic, (A. and B.)

\**Allium vineale* L.

The wild onion, Fig. 15, is a bulbous plant and for that reason liable to be scattered widely. It grows from 1 to 3 ft. high and the floral umbel is often densely bulb-bearing, like the old garden onion, a feature not shown in the cut. A bulblet is figured at *a*. These bulbs or bulblets must be destroyed if wild onion is eradicated. If cows eat of this vile weed, the milk and butter are ruined. When the bulblets get into the wheat, as may often happen, the flour is likewise spoiled. This weed has been introduced from Europe and is established at several Ohio stations. While always bad it seems to flourish rather better on sandy or loamy soils. It seems to be planted occasionally and thence escapes, and also to be sown in wheat at times.

A case of the latter sort occurred in this county. Scattered plants may be taken out and destroyed, but in badly infested lands it will be necessary to cultivate thoroughly in some hoed crop for at least two seasons. I have never seen it produce true seeds, but the bulblets, Fig. 15, *a*, possess great vitality.



FIG. 15. Wild Onion.

## 41. Adam's Needle, (P.)

\**Yucca filamentosa* L.

This plant, while a favorite in cultivation, is capable of spreading greatly if permitted to ripen seed. The tall scapes (flower-stalks) with many creamy flowers are handsome, but if the plant is grown, it should not be permitted to produce seed. Once scattered, only laborious hand digging or cultivation will destroy it.

## 42. Asparagus, (P.)

\**Asparagus officinalis* L.

The wild asparagus does not differ essentially from the cultivated sort. This illustrates the danger of permitting plants escaped from cultivation to grow anywhere. The asparagus beetle, *Crioceris asparagi* has first been found by the Station Entomologist on these isolated plants in any given locality; thence it has spread to gardens. The asparagus rust, *Puccinia asparagi* DC., a most destructive disease of this plant, has already appeared in the eastern states. And while it is more likely to be introduced in cultivated areas, the rust will certainly be harbored by any escaped plants.

Persistent culture with hoe and, perhaps, the addition of salt, will destroy these strays.

## GREENBRIER FAMILY, SMILACÆÆ.

## 43. Greenbrier, (P.)

*Smilax rotundifolia* L.

Greenbriers of one or two additional species besides that above

named are found in fence rows and thicket borders. They may be killed by grubbing and putting the land in cultivated crops.

III. DICOTYLEDONES—Plants with two seed-leaves (cotyledons) and leaves netted-veined.

WALNUT AND HICKORY FAMILY, JUGLANDACEÆ.

44. Hickories, (P.)

*Hicoria sp.*

Sprouting hickories are one of the greatest pests of the sandy, hill-side pastures of southern and southeastern Ohio. Unless frequently grubbed over, the quality and yield of herbage are affected. On such lands plowing is dangerous because of disastrous washing. The most that can be done seems to be to grub out the bushes at intervals. With these as with other plants the maximum shock will be given to the plant if cut off or grubbed at the time growth is about to cease and food storage increase. This will commonly occur about the end of July.

WILLOW FAMILY, SALICACEÆ.

45. Willows, (P.)

*Salix sp.*

That very persistence in growth which renders willows so valuable in protecting embankments and closing the mouths of abandoned waterways, makes them obstructive pests along streams generally. Frequent cutting or grubbing is resorted to. After the willows have become large enough to "peel" the bark from the trunk near the ground, this method of destruction is often successfully practiced. This seems best done during June, when the bark is most easily separated. I have seen willows thus treated completely killed out, the stumps rotting afterwards with little or no sprouting.

NETTLE FAMILY, URTICACEÆ.

46. Tall Nettle, (P.)

*Urtica gracilis* Ait.

This plant is often found in fence rows and in moist ground, growing 3 to 6 ft. tall. It is somewhat bristly, and while it has fewer stings than others, it still has stings. The flowers are in clusters and the leaves are ovate (egg-shaped) and coarsely toothed. Nettle is best destroyed by close cutting or cultivation.



## 47. Stinging Nettle, (P.)

*\*Urtica dioica* L.

This nettle has become introduced at a few places. It is like the other, only very bristly and stinging. It is destroyed by grubbing or cutting.

## BUCKWHEAT FAMILY, POLYGONACEÆ.

## 48. Curled Dock, Sour Dock, Yellow Dock, (P.)

*\*Rumex crispus* L.

The curled dock may be recognized by its narrower, curled leaves and other less evident characters. The plant is a bad pest about yards and farm outbuildings. Its large roots make deep cutting necessary. While green the leaves are used as a pot-herb for "greens."

Seeds brown, triangular,  $\frac{1}{12}$  inch long, two-thirds as wide, tapering abruptly to the point, smooth and shining. Very common in clover seed.

All docks require yearly pulling, deep cutting or grubbing, and this must be done before the seeds are formed. They are also destroyed by cultivation.

## 49. Bitter Dock, Broad Dock, (P.)

*\*Rumex obtusifolius* L.

Broad dock occurs with the last and is very common. It may be distinguished by the broad leaves and more numerous grains on the seed valves.

Seeds like the curled dock, sometimes slightly darker in color and having a more extended beak, tapering more gradually to the tip. Very common in clover seed.

It must be remembered in pulling up docks that the large roots contain enough food to ripen the seeds if the grubbing is left till these begin to form.

## 50. Sorrel, Horse Sorrel, (P.)

*\*Rumex Acetosella* L.

Sorrel ranks pre-eminently as the worst pest of the order on sandy soils. The illustration (Fig. 16) will show the characters of the plant. The whole has a sour taste. It is perennial and abundantly propagated by its running rootstocks as well as by seed. It is apparently confined to sandy soils; these predominate in the coal measures and subcarboniferous districts, where not covered by the drift. This character of formation underlies that part of the state east of a line from Huron on Lake



FIG. 16. Sorrel. Showing plant with rootstocks, natural size; at 1 staminate. at 2 pistillate flower.

(From Vasey, Report Botanist, 1886, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

Erie to Rome on the Ohio River below Portsmouth. Sandy soils also occur in portions of Lucas, Henry, and Fulton counties, on the old lake beaches south of Lake Erie, and elsewhere in limited areas. The drift clays cover much of the northern portion of the general district before outlined. On suitable lands the sorrel crowds out feeble growths of other crops.

Seeds small, brown, triangular, about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, almost as broad as long; when thoroughly cleaned, smooth and shining, more commonly invested by a dull brown, adherent covering. Very frequent in clover seeds of all sorts and sometimes in other seeds. Especially difficult to separate from seeds of Alsike clover, samples of which have been received that were found to contain thirteen per cent. of sorrel seed.

In dealing with sorrel we cannot hope to eradicate it, at most but to control and subdue it. It is an index of soil character and often an indication of a lack of fertility. How far in Ohio it may indicate an acid soil I am unable to state. One such field, at the Station at Wooster, gives a slightly acid reaction. In Rhode Island<sup>2</sup> it has been found that treating the soil with lime largely controls the sorrel. By an acid soil is meant one that reddens blue litmus paper when moistened and laid upon it.

Enough has been done in Ohio, including work on the Station farm, to justify the conclusion that sorrel is controlled through fertilizing, liming, or manuring the land to smother it by the increased growth of other crops, especially clover and grasses. In my judgement there is no other method to subdue it. If the fertility of the soil is sufficiently increased the growth of forage plants will smother the sorrel, and infested tracts or fields can be successfully dealt with only by improving them. Whether lime used on such lands in Ohio works by improving mechanical conditions, by neutralizing an acid condition or by otherwise 'unlocking fertility' must be left undecided. Climate will influence results, the maximum good may be looked for in seasons favorable to a good stand of clover and grasses.

#### 51. Knotweed, Doorweed, (A.)

*Polygonum aviculare* L. and  
*Polygonum erectum* L.

This weed is very abundant in yards and by waysides where the ground has been trodden. The first named species is much smaller, the leaves less than an inch in length, while the second or erect knotweed, grows one to two feet high and has leaves one to two inches or more long. These are attacked by a species of mildew, *Erysiphe communis* (Wallr.) which also attacks certain cultivated plants. *Ustilago utriculosa* (Nees) Tul., a smut, is also reported upon knotweed.

<sup>2</sup> Report of Rhode Island Experiment Station 1895, pp. 193-199; also 1894.

Seeds rather small, dull black,  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. long, flattened or triangular, apparently not abundant.

The knotweed may be prevented by substituting walks and paved ways for trodden paths.

52. Pennsylvania Smartweed, (A.) *Polygonum Pennsylvanicum* L.

This is a much larger growing sort than the preceding ones, being from two to four feet in height and sometimes higher. The flowers are often bright rose color, with gland-tipped hairs on the stem (peduncle) below the flower cluster. The heads of this smartweed are often affected with a smut, *Ustilago utriculosa* (Nees), which converts them into a mass of violet spores, thus destroying the seeds. The leaves are frequently spotted by a leaf spot septoria, *Septoria polygonorum* Desm., and also attacked by a rust *Puccinia polygonorum*.

Seeds rather large, lenticular (lens-shaped)  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. long by  $\frac{1}{12}$  in. wide, dark and shining. Frequent in clover seed since this plant ripens its seeds at the time of cutting clover for seed.

Destroy the plants before the seeds are formed. The seeds follow closely the opening of the first blossom, commonly maturing from August to October.

53. Lady's-thumb, Smartweed, (A.) *\*Polygonum Persicaria* L.

The Lady's-thumb is smaller than the last, 12 to 18 inches high with smooth peduncle and leaves often marked with a dark triangular or crescent-shaped spot near the middle.

It is attacked by the septoria already mentioned.

Seeds much smaller than the last, lens-shaped or triangular. Found in nearly all clover seed, from which the seeds cannot well be separated by screening.

It can be destroyed by preventing it from seeding and by sowing only clean seed. When such plants occur in fields to be cut for clover seed they should first be removed.

54. Black Bindweed, (A.) *\*Polygonum Convolvulus* L.

Black bindweed is a twining or running annual with leaves shaped like buckwheat and with similar seeds. It is very abundant in bottom lands, where by overflow it may be distributed widely. Also found in cultivated grounds.

It is attacked by two or more species of leaf fungi.

Seeds dull black, triangular,  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. long, occasionally found in grain. It has been complained of in bran from western mills.

To be rid of black bindweed it seems necessary to remove fences and borders of brush and to employ the scythe and torch in destroying plants and seeds.

55. Tear-thumb, (A.) *Polygonum arifolium* L. *Polygonum sagittatum* L.

These two species, the first halberd-leaved, the second arrow-leaved, are often found in low grounds, and especially make themselves known by the prickles on the stems and leaf-stalks.

Seeds lens-shaped or three-angled. To be destroyed by drainage and methods recommended for the last.

## GOOSEFOOT FAMILY, CHENOPODIACEÆ.

## 56. Lamb's-quarters, Goosefoot, (A.)

\**Chenopodium album* L.

FIG. 17. Lamb's-quarters.

(After Millsaugh.)

Lamb's-quarters, Fig. 17, is a common annual weed in cultivated lands. It grows from two to six feet in height but more commonly two to three feet. The whole plant in more or less mealy in appearance. It is sometimes called pigweed, which name more properly belongs to the amaranths. The young and tender plants are used by southwestern Indian tribes as pot-herbs, but with us they are not made use of.

It is attacked by several species of fungi, including *Cercospora dubia* (Riess.), *Septoria Westendorpii* Wint., and *Peronospora effusa* (Grev.) Rabh.; the latter fungus is destructive to spinach. With smartweed, ragweed and sorrel it harbors the adults of a small striped beetle, *Systema taniata*, which is destructive to beets and mangel-wurzels. The larvæ of this beetle also work upon the roots of these plants.

Seeds lenticular, round,  $\frac{1}{20}$  inch in diameter, dull black, ripening from August to November. Frequently found in clover seed.

To destroy lamb's-quarters it must be prevented from seeding by cultivation and destruction of all plants. This may be taken as a type of a number of weeds which come in potato fields, corn and other crops receiving only early cultivation. The remedy lies in more thorough destruction of them through better and especially through later cultivation.

## 57. Mexican Tea, American Wormseed, (A.)

\**Chenopodium anthelminticum* L.

This is another annual, differing from the preceding in the absence of mealiness in the more marked teeth of the leaves and in having a penetrating (to some offensive) aromatic odor. It is more frequent in the southern part of the state, but has been introduced generally. It is a native of tropical America.

Seeds very small of the size of timothy seed, kidney shaped, light brown small and shining. Not yet occurring any extent in commercial seeds.

58. Jerusalem Oak, Feather-geranium, (A.) \**Chenopodium Botrys* L.

Jerusalem oak strongly resembles the preceding, but differs from it in being smaller, having leaves deeply lobed and dull seeds. Also occurs in waste places.

59. Another goosefoot, \**Chenopodium glaucum* L.

Naturalized from Europe, is becoming frequent in waste places and especially along railways.

60. Orache, *Atriplex*, (A.)

\**Atriplex hastata* L.

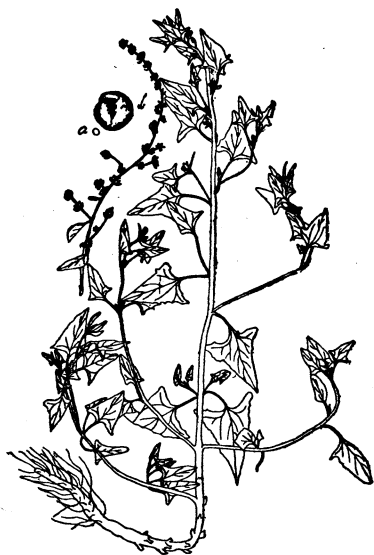


FIG. 18. *Atriplex*.

This plant, Fig. 18, allied to the garden orache has recently been introduced and now ranks with lamb's-quarters and pigweed in its pestiferous characters. It occurs especially along railway embankments and on vacant lots in cities. It is very spreading in growth, forming a broad mass one to two feet high and several feet in diameter. It is attacked by the *Peronospora effusa* which injures spinach and orache.

Seeds resembling those of lamb's quarters. Fig. 18a nat. size, 6x6.

This weed should be uprooted before the seeds begin to form. Mere cutting with the scythe is not sufficient, because the plant stools freely and the stems are too low to be reached in this manner.

The lance-leaved *Atriplex patula* L., with this marked difference from the figure, also occurs as an Ohio weed.

61. Russian Thistle, Russian Tumbleweed, (A.)

\**Salsola Kali Tragus* (L.) Moq.

This plant, which is properly a tumbleweed, not a thistle, has been illustrated in Bulletin 55. It has proven very aggressive in the west. It was introduced into what is now South Dakota in flax seed a little more than twenty years ago. Its occurrence in Ohio has thus far been limited

to points along trunk railways, where it seems to have been scattered from western stock cars in litter containing these seeds. It has been found in ten or more counties, beginning to appear in 1893. The plant varies greatly in appearance and in leaf character at different stages of growth.

While the plants are young the leaves are long and slender, two inches or more in length and less than  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch in width, but when older these slender leaves drop off to give place to triple, half-inch spines on the flowering branches. At this stage the plant often becomes very large and spreading, forming a top about two feet in height and from two to six feet in diameter. The leaves on this plant are never much wider than wooden tooth-picks and form no broad leaf blade. This alone will enable an observer to distinguish it from the common tumbleweed which is so frequently mistaken for it. On the tumbleweed there are flat leaves about two inches long, having a broadened blade  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or more in width; see Fig. 20. The Rus-



FIG. 19. Russian Thistle.

sian thistle has, so far as now known, been exterminated at every point where it has been introduced, thanks to the interest taken by the railway officials. The poster supplement issued with Bulletin 55 was supplied them by the Station and sent by them to the section foremen, with orders to destroy all Russian thistles on the section. The thoroughness of the work and the interest of the section foremen have been well attested by the results, confirmed by personal examination and by the letters and specimens recieved. The attention given the Russian thistle has led to greater care generally in the destruction of weeds along railroad rights-of way. While a great deal more yet remains to be secured, it seems to me that this weed affords an illustration of what can be done in limiting the spread of a newly introduced weed.

Seeds: the seeds of the Russian thistle are very characteristic, see *c*, Fig. 19, about the size of clover seed, light yellow, conical, showing coiled embryo, but usually invested by a thin grayish covering. They are very different from those of tumbleweed which are much smaller, flattened, round, dark and shining. I have not yet met with the seeds of the Russian thistle in any commercial seeds. The cut shows the seed enlarged.

To eradicate the Russian thistle it is only necessary to uproot all plants before August 15th. After that date it is necessary to burn the plants, which are green and succulent, with brush or logs. It now seems that it will be possible to prevent this weed from gaining wide dissemination in Ohio. Yet this result can be reached only through persistent care and watchfulness.

#### PIGWEED FAMILY, AMARANTHACEÆ.

##### 62. Tumbleweed, (A.)

\**Amaranthus albus* L.

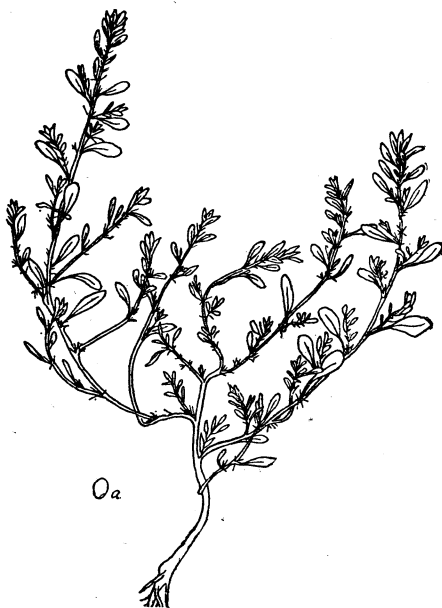


FIG. 20. Tumbleweed. Seed x 4.

This weed, Fig. 20, is another of the pernicious annuals of which we have by far too many. It commonly grows about a foot in height and one to two feet in diameter, and is likely to be found in waste grounds generally. It is not very frequent in cultivated lands but is often met with along railways. It may be distinguished from the Russian thistle, for which it is often taken, by its having leaves with a definite, flattened blade  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or more in width and by the small, round, shining seed. It is attacked by a white mold, *Cystopus Bliti* (Biv.) Lév., which also attacks the beet.

Seeds, as shown in the illustration, enlarged four times, round, lenticular,  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch in diameter, dark brown, smooth and very shining. Met with in clover seed. Here, however, less frequent than the seeds of pigweed, *Amaranthus hybridus*, from which they may be distinguished by the more distinct wing-like border.

To be destroyed like other similar annuals by preventing the ripening of its seeds, which mature from August to the end of the season.

##### 63. Low Amaranth, (A.)

\**Amaranthus blitoides* (Wats.)

The low amaranth is a native of the western states and has become generally introduced in waste places and along railways. It differs from the preceding in its prostrate growth, lying and spreading upon the ground.

Seeds readily distinguished from the preceding by their double size and similar winged border.

To be dealt with as the last.



64. Pigweed, Redroot, Amaranth, (A.) *\*Amaranthus hybridus* L.

Pigweed is very common in cultivated fields, growing two to four feet high. It is abundant in gardens and especially in corn and potato fields after they are laid by. The leaves are broad, with wavy margin and long stalks (petioles.) These are frequently attacked by a white mold, *Cystopus Bliti*, that also attacks beets. It may be expected to harbor the beet feeding beetle, *Systema taniata*, already mentioned.

Seeds like those of tumbleweed but without any manifest border.

This large group of annual weeds, belonging to the buckwheat, goose-foot and pigweed families, all require similiar measures for their destruction. The seeds ripen from August to November and in addition are no doubt abundantly stored in most garden soils. Later cultivation and more thorough removal of the weeds in corn, potatoes and other tilled crops is needed to reduce the number of these weeds.

65. Spiny Amaranth, (A.) *Amaranthus spinosus* L.

Is another of the pigweed tribe. It differs chiefly in the pair of spines in the leaf axils. The leaves, blossoms, etc., Fig. 21, will at once suggest the class to which it belongs. In southeastern Ohio this weed appeared just after the war, having possibly been transported from the south in material sent back from that region. Locally it is called soldier-weed. The plant is a great pest because of its free growth and of its annoying spines. It is most troublesome along the river counties in the southeast, infesting lawns, fields and roadsides.

Seeds dark, lens shaped, round, very small,  $\frac{1}{48}$  inch in diameter, smooth and shining.

Such a pest as this should not be permitted to invade new districts as it is now doing. Prompt destruction of all plants before seeding, as has been above outlined, will in time free lands from spiny amaranth, while watchfulness about its introduction will be amply repaid.



FIG. 21. Spiny Amaranth.  
(After Millspaugh.)

## POKEWEED FAMILY, PHYTOLACCACEÆ

66. Poke, Garget, (P.) *Phytolacca decandra* L.

This is a tall, smooth plant with thick, red stems, two to six feet high, bearing in the fall an abundance of dark berries in grape-like clusters. It is common in deep soils, forming very thick, deep roots. It seems to be distributed largely by birds that feed upon the berries,

possibly by the children that make ink of them. While the young shoots of this plant are frequently used as pot-herbs, the root is violently poisonous. The root furnishes a well known officinal remedy. It is reported that sheep eat the berries and leave the seed on the high points of their pastures. Pokeberry pies are also a matter of tradition, and while those that eat them may survive, as did my Michigan friend who fed upon the cooked berries of black nightshade, one familiar with the poisonous character of this plant will not be disposed to test such pastry. In fact it would seem safer to leave poke from our dietary.

Grubbing or cultivation is the best means of eradicating this weed. If cut well below the crown the plant does not usually send up further shoots.

#### INDIAN CHICKWEED FAMILY, AIZOACEÆ.

##### 67. Indian Chickweed, Carpet-weed, (A.) *\*Mollugo verticillata* L.

This is a low, prostrate annual, frequent in the interstices of brick sidewalks about towns and in cultivated grounds. The leaves are clustered at the joints and broader toward the point. Pods many seeded. Its carpet-like growth is very characteristic.

Seeds very small, reddish brown, about  $\frac{1}{50}$  inch long, kidney-shaped, with several longitudinal lines around the back and on the sides. Like purslane the seeds are early matured and prompt destruction of the plants by cultivation is necessary to destroy them.

#### PURSLANE FAMILY, PORTULACACEÆ.

##### 68. Purslane, Pursley, (A.) *\*Portulaca oleracea* L.

This prostrate, fleshy-stemmed plant, with fleshy leaves and small yellow flowers (opening only in sunny mornings), quickly succeeded by well filled seed capsules is preeminently a garden pest. It is also found in cultivated fields generally. In the garden we can not entirely prevent the appearance of purslane if well trained for other weed destruction. The plant has some value as a food for pigs, but the cost of gathering it is greater than that of producing better food by field crops. This weed is attacked, especially in wet seasons, by a white mold, *Cystopus portulacæ* (DC.) Lévl. It makes small yellow spots in the leaves which soon drop off, thus causing the whole plant to have a sickly appearance. This fungus was an obvious check to the purslane in the season of 1896; the scarcity of purslane during 1897 has been the subject of frequent remark. A leaf miner also works its destruction.

Seeds very small, black, kidney-shaped with a decided snout, marked with fine network.

Very careful cultivation is required, in rich land, to keep purslane in subjection.

## PINK FAMILY, CARYOPHYLLACEÆ.

## 69. Cockle, Corn-cockle, (A.)

\**Agrostemma Githago* L.

The pink-flowered cockle is too common in wheat fields. Where very abundant it is very difficult to remove the seeds from those of the grain. The seed capsules are early filled, so that the seed is well matured when the grain is gathered.

Seeds black, angular, kidney-shaped,  $\frac{1}{12}$  to  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch across, marked with spiny reticulations arranged in rows around the curved sides of the seeds. Very common in wheat, from which about the best separation is secured by hand sifting, using a screen of eight meshes to the inch. Also found in oats. Poisonous to young fowls.

The best method of removing cockle is that of pulling from the seed grain. The weed only remains because of carelessness and the neglect of reasonable precautions to remove it.

## 70. Night-flowering Catchfly, (A.)

\**Silene noctiflora* L.

A tall, leafy, viscid-hairy, (sticky) annual, one to two feet high, with few creamy white flowers. Lower leaves broader toward tip (spatulate), upper tapering; pod soon ovoid, having a green network of veins without. Frequent in grass and clover fields, persisting in lawns.

Seeds very abundant, grayish brown, kidney shaped,  $\frac{1}{20}$  inch long, regularly and minutely tuberculate over the surface. Distributed in clover and grass seed.

Destroyed by cutting below crown with hoe or spud, or by uprooting.

## 71. Conical Catchfly, (A.)

\**Silene conica* L.

This weed has just been introduced in Ohio in crimson clover seed purchased in Delaware. It is a rather small, slightly downy annual with narrow leaves, very minute pink flowers and conical, many-nerved pods.

Seeds very small, brown, columnar-kidneyform,  $\frac{1}{80}$  inch long and beautifully reticulated with basket-form markings on the seed coat. Apparently not infrequent in crimson clover seed, in which it has evidently been brought from the Mediterranean regions of Europe. Probably not a bad pest, though likely to become omnipresent. The seeds can certainly be separated from those of crimson clover by careful cleaning and screening. The plant ripens seeds as early as May or June.

Destroyed as other annuals by preventing the ripening of seeds.

## 72. Sleepy Catchfly, (A.)

*Silene antirrhina* L.

Sleepy catchfly is a slender annual, one to two feet high, with narrow leaves. It may be distinguished by the fact that a portion of each joint

of the stem is dark and sticky (glutinous.) This weed is very abundant locally and while not of the worst class appears to be persistent especially upon light sandy soils.

Seeds very much as in night-flowing catchfly, but smaller and darker,  $\frac{1}{40}$  inch long, seed coat tuberculate in rows, rather distinct.

Close scrutiny of grass and clover seeds and thorough cultivation should be practiced for this weed.

#### 73. Soapwort, Bouncing-bet, (P.)

*Saponaria officinalis* L.

Bouncing-bet is an example of the many pernicious weeds thought at one time worthy of cultivation. Once established, plants of this character, with underground stems, are very difficult to eradicate. This grows one to two feet in height and has dense clusters of large, pale rose-colored flowers and smooth, oval, tapering leaves. The soapy effect produced by the mucilaginous juice in water will further serve to identify it. Soapwort has become introduced nearly everywhere and may be seen growing in yards, in pastures, along roadsides and railroads. It is a bad weed deserving attention and should be destroyed. The leaves are attacked by *Macrosporium saponariae* Pk., which causes many spots upon them.

Seeds black, flat, kidney-shaped with beak,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, marked with smooth, tubercular spots.

From the situations in which this occurs close and frequent cutting with salting would seem a good method of extermination; as with other plants having rootstocks, the cutting will need to be followed for two or more seasons. Where the ground can be plowed, cultivation may succeed but it is more likely to spread than destroy the weed. In a few years it will be too late to destroy this weed in many localities.

#### 74. Deptford Pink, (A.)

\* *Dianthus Armeria* L.

This is a little pink with narrow, linear, hairy leaves and small, rose-colored, white-dotted petals. It is becoming scattered. Like the other annuals of this family it must be kept out by scrutiny of seeds and by cultivation.

#### 75. Chickweed, (A.)

\* *Alsine media* L.

This winter annual, Fig. 22, is as well known to gardeners as purslane. Its small, smooth leaves and very small flowers, whose white petals are shorter than the green sepals, make it easy of recognition. It appears to root slightly and to spread extensively in moist, enriched ground. It may be found in blossom almost the entire year, and seeding so early that it is difficult to clean out.

Seeds brown, almost or quite circular, flattened, with notch and beak

at one side, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch across, tuberculate much like the last, shown in Fig. 20; *a* natural size, *b*  $\times 6$ .

It seems best controlled by some winter crop, such as rye or crimson clover to crowd it out.



FIG. 22. Chickweed.

76. Mouse-ear Chickweed, (A.&P.)

*\*Cerastium vulgatum* L., *\*Cerastium viscosum* L.

These two chickweeds, of which the former is the larger and perennial, grow much like the preceding but have hairy leaves. One or the other is often found with it in similar locations. To be dealt with in the same way.

CROWFOOT FAMILY, RANUNCULACEÆ.

77. Black Snakeroot, Bugbane, (P.)

*Cimicifuga racemosa* (L.) Nutt.

This is also called rattleroot, a large ill-smelling weed with tall spikes of white flowers. It is familiar in fence rows and in new land and soon yields to close cutting or cultivation.

78. Field Larkspur, (A.)

*Delphinium consolida* L.

This field larkspur, with its leaves cut into narrow lobes, frequently becomes introduced into grain fields. The long spurred, various colored flowers along with the leaves will serve to identify it.

Seeds black, much angular, of various forms,  $\frac{1}{12}$  inch across, with winged, rough covering over the whole seed. Distributed in grain and other seeds.

This annual may be killed out by destroying the plants and seeds.

**79. Small-flowered Crowfoot, (B.)**

*Ranunculus abortivus* L.

Is a biennial weed with smooth, round or kidney-form, lower leaves, divided stem leaves, and very small yellow petals. The flowers are succeeded by smooth, covered seeds in great abundance. This is a very common weed in low grass lands and in moist, cultivated fields. It is frequently very annoying to the strawberry grower who rates it as a serious pest. It is best overcome by drainage and hoe cutting.

**80. Buttercup, (A.)**

\* *Ranunculus acris* L.

The acid field buttercup is rapidly becoming abundant in the pastures of northern Ohio, especially in moist situations. Wherever it is found stock give it a wide space because of its acid, poisonous juice, which, however, disappears in drying, leaving it harmless in hay. The illustration, Fig. 23, will enable one to recognize it. The showy yellow flowers with petals shining within are favorites with children. It commonly grows from two to three feet high.

Seeds small, often invested with covering, apparently introduced in grass seed.

Where but few plants are found they will repay hand digging; where present in large numbers drainage and tilling the soil should remove them.

**81. Cursed Crowfoot, (P.)**

*Ranunculus sceleratus* L.

This closely resembles the small flowered crowfoot from which it is distinguished by its longer, cylindrical heads and thick, hollow stems. The juice, like that of the buttercup, is acid and blistering. Quite frequently found in low pastures and along ditches; so named because of its poisonous character. In most of these places it will repay the labor of removal.

**82. Other Buttercups, (P.)**

*Ranunculus* sp.

Four or five other species, introduced and native, occur in various localities; the native species in damp low lands, the introduced in situations where goods with a large amount of packing material are received from Europe. They may be recognized by resemblance to those already given. But few of them will be likely to prove troublesome.



FIG. 23. Buttercup.

(After Vasey, Report Botanist, 1886, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

## 83. Meadow-rue, (P.)

*Thalictrum polygamum* Muhl., *Thalictrum purpurascens* L.

These tall, handsome plants with their compound leaves and abundant clusters of white flowers are frequently found along brooks and ditches. They may be destroyed by means of hoe or spud.

## LAUREL FAMILY, LAURACEÆ.

## 84. Sassafras, (P.)

*Sassafras Sassafras* (L.) Karst.

Sassafras is commonly a moderate sized shrub and a great pest in the fence rows of much of the state. With hickories and some others it is abundant, especially in the hilly districts. Although the bark of the root is much prized in making sassafras tea, the shrub is more of a pest than an ornament. The roots persist underground, sending up shoots at frequent intervals. Frequent grubbing is required to destroy them; they, like brush and briars, are monuments of needless fences.

## POPPY FAMILY PAPAVERACEÆ.

## 85. Field-poppy, Corn-poppy, (A.)

\**Papaver dubium* L.

The field-poppy, with its lobed leaves, long, bristly stalks, club-shaped, smooth pods and light scarlet, showy flowers has been introduced in crimson clover seed and no doubt otherwise. It produces seed so abundantly that care in the destruction of all plants which may be found is to be strongly urged.

Seeds small, brown, introduced as stated above.

The plants should be pulled up before the seeds ripen, and the whole burned for efficient destruction.

86. Prickly Poppy, Mexican Poppy, (A or B.) *Argemone Mexicana* L.

This is a rather low plant with bright yellow flowers and large, inflated, spiny pods. It is becoming spread by escapes from gardens and possibly by being sown in seeds. It is a native of Mexico, yet one finds it already in the list of introduced weeds of New South Wales, Australia. The yellow juice and large bladder-like prickly pods, one inch or more long and half as wide, will serve to identify it.

It may be killed by digging up the plants before flowering.



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FIG. 24. Field Peppergrass. *a*, shows lower leaf; *b* and *c*, the pods; and *d*, a seed enlarged.

After Dewey, Division of Botany, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

## MUSTARD FAMILY, CRUCIFERÆ.

This family is one prolific in bad weeds. From the shepherd's purse, a common winter annual, to the perennial horse-radish it includes a long series of well known pests. Perhaps twenty plants of this family properly rank as weeds, while about a dozen of them must be admitted to this weed list. The wonderful seed producing power of these plants, and the well known vitality of mustard seeds in the soil, make the mustard tribe one of the most perplexing and difficult to eradicate. With them the cultivator must use all his ingenuity, both in devising methods of seed destruction and in adapting farm practice to these ends. With shepherd's purse and peppergrass to torment him in clover fields, horse-radish to kill out of cultivated ground, winter-cress in grass lands, even in his bran used for feed, and charlock and black mustard almost universal in his seed oats, the farmer's mustard problem does not require any exaggeration.

For those sorts growing and seeding throughout the winter, like shepherd's purse and penny-cress, some winter green manuring such as rye or crimson clover seems essential, while for all, the utmost scrutiny of seeds and the greatest care in plant and seed destruction are indispensable.

87. Field Peppergrass, (A.) *\*Lepidium campestre* (L.) R. Brown.

This field pest, Fig. 24, has become introduced into Ohio within the last twenty years. It is now quite general along Lake Erie and locally throughout the whole state. It is especially fitted to take care of itself in permanent grass lands and almost equally difficult to destroy in cultivated grounds. Field peppergrass may be distinguished from all the other similar plants by its downy appearance and clasping leaves and by the spoon-shaped seed pods. The flowers are white and inconspicuous.

Seeds dark brown, rather large, oblong ovoid, tapering at one end,  $\frac{1}{12}$  inch long, half as wide, rough and dull, shown in Fig. 24d. Becoming frequent in grass and clover seed and in hay. Like most winter annuals the field peppergrass matures seed early in the season, beginning in May. He who would destroy it must, therefore, soon be about it. Mowing will do little good, so that hand digging or cultivation are the methods available.

88. Peppergrass, Tonguegrass, (A.) *Lepidium Virginicum* L.

This native peppergrass is smooth, with leaves tapering to the base and slightly cut on the border, pods round with notch at the top. Common everywhere in fields and gardens.

Peppergrass is attacked by *Cystopus candidus* (P.) Lèv. and by *Peronospora parasitica* (P.) Tul., both of which also attack cultivated crucifers.

Seeds light brown, flattened, egg-shaped with a distinct narrow border,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long, half as wide. Very frequent in clover seed and in grass seed and hay. Chiefly separable from clover seed by the use of proper care.

This and the preceding weed, as well as shepherd's purse, are peculiarly trying in enriched clover fields. Often the clover seems crowded out or perhaps a lack of stand opens the way for the mustards, since after the removal of the hay, these spring up to contaminate the seed crop. With peppergrass and the others we must not only destroy the plants but the reserve store of seeds in the soil. In bad cases of mustards generally there seems no better method of dealing with them than two or more years of successive cultivation in some well tilled, preferably, a hoed crop. In such cases frequent cultivation will induce germination of the seeds in the soil as well as destroy any plant that may begin growth. The measures indicated are drastic but it is well to repeat that half-way measures will not rid land of mustards.

#### 89. Penny-cress, French Weed, (A.)

\**Thlaspi arvense* L.

For Ohio, penny-cress is by no means general though promising to become so. It is already common on sandy lands in Lucas and Fulton counties and has also been introduced in Delaware and Hamilton counties. It is a persistent, winter annual, flowering and seeding much of the winter and persisting, by means of its seeds, in the land once occupied. The large, bordered, flat pods, about half an inch in diameter, Fig. 25, *c*, and the other characters given in the illustration will enable one to identify it. In the valley of the Red River of the North this weed is very abundant and a vile pest. It is there known as French weed.

Seeds, dark brown,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long, flat, egg-shaped without border, striate-roughened with curved lines as in the drawing, Fig. 25, *d*. Coming in all seeds and grain from the valley of the Red River of the North, and becoming frequent in hay, grain, clover and grass seeds from north-western Ohio.

Penny-cress can best be subdued by continuous cultivation and by smothering with a winter crop, as rye or crimson clover. In case the first plowing is deferred until late in the season the ground should be covered with straw or other combustible litter and burned over to destroy the seeds. This applies as well to any of the other weeds of the mustard family mentioned here.



FIG. 25. Penny-cress. *a*, shows a plant  $\frac{1}{2}$  natural size; *b*, stem leaf, natural size; *c*, pod, natural size; *d*, a seed enlarged 6 times; and *e*, seedling, natural size.



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FIG. 26. Charlock. Showing branch with leaf and pods, natural size.  
(After Vasey, Report Botanist, 1889, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

**90. Black Mustard, (A.)***\*Brassic nigra (L.) Koch.*

Black mustard is a tall, prickly plant, growing in waste places and fields. It is often confused with the next, from which it is distinguished chiefly by the pods. The pods of black mustard are four-angled, smooth, oblong,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or more long, contracting suddenly to a slender, conical style  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, while those in charlock are knotted and usually contracted to a stout two-edged beak, commonly containing a single seed in the beak.

Seeds black to dark brown, commonly spherical,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter, slightly granular-roughened. Frequent in seeds of clover and grasses, also in forage, but apparently less common than the next; dealt with in the same manner as the charlock.

**91. Charlock, Wild Mustard, (A.)***\*Brassica Sinapistrum L.*

This is the commonest and worst pest among the Brassicas, occurring in Ohio; it is the plant mostly called wild mustard. It is distinguished from the others by its long knotted pod, with its stout, two-edged beak, Fig. 26. It is among the very worst weeds known to Ohio farmers, especially in the northern half of the state, where oat growing is largely practiced. It comes up and grows with the oats, remaining in them when threshed, or having seeds already ripened when mown for hay.

Seeds spherical, scarcely distinguished from those of black mustard. Very common in hay, in seed oats, and in clover seed, retaining their vitality for a long time when buried in the soil.

The measures here recommended will apply to black mustard as well. The oat crop seems to be one particularly favorable to the propagation of these two mustards. Infested land may be rendered comparatively free from them by surface burning and continuous cultivation in hoed crops. Where a limited quantity is to be dealt with hand pulling from the grain, is to be recommended.

**92. Hedge Mustard, (A. or B.)***\*Sisymbrium officinale (L.)*

This is very frequent along roadsides and in waste lands; much less common in cultivated fields than the ones that have been described before. It may be recognized by its spreading, ragged growth, two to three feet high, lobed leaves, small, pale yellow flowers and slender, awl-shaped pods closely pressed to the stem. It may be destroyed by frequent mowing or by cultivation and fertilizing. This weed has another bad quality for the grower of cabbage and turnips; it harbors the club-rot fungus, *Plasmidiophora Brassicae* Wor. The weeds may breed the disease upon land that has never been in cabbage or turnips.

Seeds light to dark brown,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long by one-third as wide, oblong, cylindrical on back, more or less double-wedgeform and grooved on the other side, found in grasses.





FIG. 27. Winter-cress. Showing parts of plant and fruit.  
(After Vasey, Report Botanist, 1886, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)



## 93. Winter-cress, (B.)

\**Barbarea Barbarea* (L.) Mac M.

Winter-cress is a well-known biennial, frequently occurring in meadows. It is illustrated in Fig. 27. The dense clusters of dark green, many lobed leaves are very conspicuous in early spring; these are followed by the upright, branching stems, yellow flowers and the seeds. The leaves alone, taken with the general habit of growth, will enable one to distinguish it from the other mustards. I have frequently observed this weed in meadows the first and second years after seeding. The evidence is conclusive that the seed was introduced in the clover or grass seed sown. Apparently the seeds are frequent in grain, since the fertilizer plots at this Station upon which wheat bran had been used, showed a great deal of winter-cress, while others sown with the same grain and clover seed, had none. Winter-cress is grown extensively in Europe as a pot-herb and would be useful for this purpose were such a dietary common among our people. Sheep will feed upon it as freely as upon rape or other crucifers. This has suggested its use as a forage plant, in which its weedy habit must be taken into account. It is attacked by a leaf-spot fungus, *Ramularia Barbareae* Pk.

Seeds dull, grayish brown, oval in outline,  $\frac{1}{20}$  inch long, somewhat pitted. Distributed in clover and grass seed.

It may be destroyed by uprooting or deep hoe-cutting before the flowers are opened. If cut later than this, burning is needful, since the juices in the plant will mature the seeds.

## 94. Wild Radish, (A. or B.)

\**Raphanus Raphanistrum* L.

The pods of wild radish are yet more jointed than those of charlock, the leaves are rough, petals yellow, veiny, turning whitish or purplish. It is a vile weed, found in a few counties of the state. It should be destroyed wherever it appears.

## 95. Marsh-cress, (A.)

*Roripa palustris* (L.) Bess.

Marsh-cress has its leaves much parted, small, yellow flowers and small pods,  $\frac{3}{16}$  of an inch long, tipped with a short style. It is very common in wet places or in shallow water. It is reported as very troublesome in oats in Defiance and Henry counties; perhaps the abundant rainfall has made it prominent during 1896 and 1897. If persistent it should receive the same treatment as charlock and black mustard.

Seeds very small, with markings similar to those of false flax.

## 96. Horse-radish, (P.)

\**Roripa Armoracia*, (L.) Hitch.

Horse-radish requires no description and those who have had any experience in destroying it find it to be a great pest. Any small piece of root may produce a new plant. It is apparently not spread except by gradual extension from small plantings. As with any other weed prop-

agated underground, tracts infested with horse-radish should be separately cultivated. It can be destroyed only by killing every green shoot as it appears above ground; this may be done by cultivation in a hoed crop or without a crop. It is perhaps easier to kill it out without plowing by a free use of hoe and salt; two or three years will be required for this work.

97. Shepherd's-purse, (A.)

*\*Bursa Bursa-Pastoris, (L.) Weber.*

The illustration, Fig. 28, will enable one who does not already know this plant to recognize it; the triangular or purse-shaped pods are unlike any other. Shepherd's-purse as a winter annual is a troublesome pest in gardens, orchards and vineyards, and in enriched cultivated lands generally. It is freely attacked by the white mold, *Cystopus candidus*, but nowhere destroyed. It also harbors on its roots the fungus of club-root, *Plasmodiophora Brassicae* Wor.

Seeds light brown, oblong in outline,  $\frac{1}{20}$  inch long and half as wide, shown natural size, and 1x6, a, b, Fig. 28. They may be looked for in hay and seeds.

To destroy shepherd's-purse one needs to be diligent. For those situations where it is most annoying some winter growth to crowd it out, together with cultivation, seems the best available method. Both red and crimson clover are worth trying for this purpose where rye can not be used.



FIG. 28. Shepherd's-purse.

98. False Fax, (A.)

*\*Camelina sativa, (L.) Crantz.*

False flax is appearing with increasing frequency; the seeds are introduced in clover seed. With recent importation of crimson clover seed from Europe, this seed has also been entered duty free. The plant has narrow, arrow-shaped leaves and a very short, inversely egg-shaped pod.

Seeds brown,  $\frac{1}{10}$  in. long and about half as wide; pitted-roughened, occurring in clover seed and flax seed. Its habits are the same as shepherd's-purse and peppergrass. The methods of destroying it are likewise similar.

99. Whitlow-grass, (A.)

*\*Draba verna L., Draba Caroliniana Walt.*

These two winter annuals are often found forming dense masses and disfiguring lawns. They require the same treatment as shepherd's-purse.

## 100. Rock-cress, (B.)

*Arabis laevigata* Muhl.

Rock-cress is a smooth, upright plant with partly clasping, narrow leaves. It is often found near the borders of woods and in dry semi-woodlands. It is readily destroyed by cultivation.

## 101. Alyssum, (A.)

*\*Alyssum alyssoides* (L.) Gouan.

In this we have another low, hairy, European mustard with narrow leaves broadened toward the end, and small pods resembling those of peppergrass. It has been introduced into Ohio in crimson clover seed.

Seeds light brown, lens-shaped, oval,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long, resembling somewhat those of peppergrass, but smaller.

It requires the same methods of destruction as the other annual mustards.

## CAPER FAMILY, CAPPARIDACEÆ.

## 102. Polanisia, (A.)

*Polanisia graveolens* Raf.

Polanisia is a low growing annual with unpleasant smell and sticky-hairy leaves and stem. Most commonly met with along the gravel ballasted railways. It may readily be destroyed by hoeing.

## ORPINE FAMILY, CRASSULACEÆ.

## 103. Live-for-ever, Garden Orpine, (P.)

*\*Sedum Telephium* L.

This cultivated plant, with its stout stems two feet high and oval, blunt, thick leaves is common in gardens. Escaped to the fields its numerous thick tuber-like rootstocks make it the worst of pests. So tenacious of life is this plant that the stems readily strike root and extreme measures are needed for its destruction. In some cases fields are overrun with live-for-ever. The pest appears to be spread exclusively by the root.

Weeds of this character require the most severe measures for their destruction. The cutting and salting or use of sulfuric acid as mentioned for Canada thistle will destroy them. Recently, Mr. M. E. Merchant of Guilford, New York, has been sending out diseased live-for-ever plants. In them the leaves have dropped off and the thick rootstocks have begun to decay. They are recommended to be planted about in the patches of this weed, thence the disease is said to spread to the healthy plants. The nature of the disease and the success of the method are not sufficiently known to warrant recommendation. This, however, may prove a useful means of destroying live-for-ever. It is now being tried by the writer.

104. Love-in-Tangle, Mossy Stonecrop, (P.) *\*Sedum acre, L.*

This is a spreading, moss-like plant with bright yellow flowers, common in cultivation. It has escaped in many localities and one case of severe poisoning from eating it is reported. It should be thoroughly destroyed where found.

ROSE FAMILY, ROSACEÆ.

105. Running-brier, Dewberry, (P.) *Rubus Canadensis L.*

The dewberry, with its long, trailing stems, is frequent in dry fields, especially to the southward. It ranks with the next and requires the same treatment.

106. Common Brier, Blackberry, (P.) *Rubus villosus Ait.*

The common bramble requires no description for its identification. It is present everywhere by waysides and in fence rows and appears to be doing its utmost to lead farmers to recognize their own interests in abandoning fences as far as possible. It also infests many fields to their great damage. The thrifty growing blackberries produce an abundance of luscious fruit and where desired for fruit are valuable. The wild blackberries are infested with bramble rust, *Cæoma nitens* (Schw.). This rust destroys cultivated blackberries and raspberries. The briers also harbor many insects which prey upon the cultivated sorts.

Briers may be destroyed by frequent mowing and by cultivation. The cutting seems to be most effective when done late in the summer.

107. Cinquefoil, Fivefinger, (P.) *Potentilla Canadensis L.*

Fivefinger, named in allusion to its five leaves (leaflets), forms by its long runners a thick covering on dry and sterile soils. Its bright yellow blossoms are quite showy. Cinquefoil serves to indicate that the infested lands require enriching and reseeding. Shorter rotations with clover and the application of manure or fertilizers will be found useful in those portions of the state where cinquefoil is frequent. Like some other weeds it may be easily smothered out by the growth of forage plants.

108. Tall Fivefinger, (B.) *Potentilla Monspeliensis L.*

This weed grows one to two feet high, has a hairy stem and leaflets in threes, not in fives as the name indicates. The flowers are small and inconspicuous, while the growth of the root leaves is very dense.

Seeds light color very small,  $\frac{1}{32}$  of an inch long, nearly circular but with one flattened side. Frequent in timothy seed and seeds of other grasses.

The plant is best destroyed by close cutting in spring or early summer. Mowing with the scythe is not sufficient to prevent it from seeding.

## 109. Large-flowered Fivefinger, (P.)

*Potentilla recta* L.

This plant may be recognized from its larger, pale yellow flowers and deeply toothed leaflets, five to seven in number.

Seeds small, coming in grass seeds with increasing frequency. Destroyed by cutting with hoe or by cultivation.

## 110 Agrimony, Stickseed, (P.)

*Agrimonia stricta* Michx.

FIG. 29. Agrimony.  
(After Millsaugh).

The characters of smaller stickseed, which grows from one to two feet high, may be seen from the illustration, Fig. 29. The leaves are similar to those of the strawberry and rose, with large and small in alternating pairs. The small yellow flowers come in slender clusters at the ends of the branches. They are followed by pear-shaped clusters of prickly, hooked fruits, detrimental to sheep and wool. More frequent in shady places and along ditches. It may be destroyed by careful cutting twice or more times a year.

## 111: Small-flowered Agrimony, Stickseed, (P.)

*Agrimonia parviflora* Solan.

This is a much taller plant, resembling the last, but with more crowded leaves and smaller, yellow flowers; the seeds or fruits are objectionable like those of the last. A frequent and persistent weed in low meadows and along streams. It requires severer measures than the preceding; more frequent cutting or thorough cultivation as well as draining will be needed.

## 112. Wild Rose, (P.)

*Rosa humilis* Marsh.

The wild rose is a common intruder in dry banks and by roadsides. This one grows commonly one to two feet high and has very pale petals. In similar situations the sweet brier is frequently found. These wild roses are another evidence of too many fence rows.

The seeds of the common roses are straw color to brown, angular,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{3}{16}$  of an inch long. The seeds of a western species, together with the globular rose-hips containing them, are frequent in western oats. Such impure seed should be rejected.

Wild roses are destroyed by grubbing and cutting after the manner of briars and brush.

## PULSE FAMILY, LEGUMINOSÆ.

The pulse or pea family is a most valuable one for the agriculturist. To it belong the peas, beans, lentils and lupines, as well as the many clovers so valuable both for forage and for restoring fertility to the soil.

These plants, through the mutual working of bacteria which induce the formation of the nodules seen upon the roots, are capable of appropriating nitrogen from the atmosphere and storing it up in the plant tissues to be used for food or for restoring fertility. Such of them as possess this valuable power should not be too hastily placed among the weeds. There are a few serious pests, however, in this family.

113. Partridge Pea (A.)

*Cassia Chamæcrista* L.

This is a low, spreading plant, about one foot in height with rather large, showy, yellow flowers and leaves closing at the touch, Fig. 30. While pretty to look upon it is capable of becoming a serious pest in dry or sandy soils. It is more common southward than in Ohio, but occurs over the whole state.

Being an annual, this seeds very freely and should be destroyed by cutting or by cultivation before these seeds mature.

114. Wild Senna (P.) *Cassia Marilandica* L.

With its tall stems, three or four feet high, numerous leaflets and abundant, curved pods, wild senna is a conspicuous weed. Its deep, perennial root makes it a persistent offender in the rich hillside, pasture lands of southeastern Ohio.



FIG. 30. Partridge Pea.

Seeds hard, gray, elongated,  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch long and half as wide, with smooth, shining coat, much resembling grains of wheat in size but flattened.

The occurrence of this weed in permanent pastures makes it difficult to destroy. Cutting with the scythe before the plants come into blossom, if repeated during the season, ought soon to kill much of it. Where limited in quantity the use of the hoe and salt might be even better, since the salt invites the stock to complete the work of the hoe.



FIG. 31. Wild Senna.

## 115. Black Medick, Nonesuch, (B?)

\**Medicago lupulina* L.

FIG. 32. Black Medick.

Seeds commonly yellow, like red clover seed, but smaller.

## 116. Sweet Clover, White Melilot, (B.)

\**Melilotus alba* Lam.

The white sweet clover, *Melilotus alba*, is much the commoner and a branch is illustrated in Fig. 33. There is also another, the yellow sweet clover, *Melilotus officinalis* L., which occurs more sparingly. The white sort is very frequent in clay ground along roadsides. It grows four to six feet in height and appears very rank.

There may properly be serious question about rating this plant among the weeds. The former weed law included it, which appears to me a mistake. Sweet clover seems to prefer hard, trodden ground, and except under cultivation does not grow to any extent in soils of good tilth. Its appearance shows usually that the land has been tramped with stock while wet, something that should not be permitted in meadows. Sweet clover is accordingly an indication of a soil condition which it is at the same time, the very best plant to correct and improve. Where an abandoned brickyard or old roadway is to be brought into cultivation sweet clover is recommended for that purpose. It is one of the valuable forage plants

FIG. 33. Sweet Clover.  
(After Millsbaugh)

in some parts of the south. And while stock need to learn to eat it, cutting clean sweet clover for forage appears well worth trying. For this purpose it should be cut rather early, before the blossoms appear and before the stems have become too woody. It also makes most excellent mulch or material for composting when cut early.

Seeds like those of red clover but smaller and flatter.

Plants may be destroyed by correcting the soil condition, by repeated mowing or by cultivation, as well as others of this class.

117. Rabbit-foot, Stone Clover, (A.) *\*Trifolium arvense* L.

This is a low, branching clover, five to ten inches high, with soft, silky, grayish heads, hence the name. It is becoming introduced into fields and by waysides.

118. Yellow Clover, Hop Clover, (A.) *\*Trifolium agrarium* L.

Yellow clover is a somewhat upright clover about one foot high, with spherical, yellow heads, turning chestnut brown with age. This and a smaller one, low hop clover, are occasionally found; mentioned here for purposes of identification.

119. Sticktight, Tick-trefoil, (P.) *Meibomia canescens* (L.) Kuntze.

This is a branched, hairy plant with egg-shaped, bean-like leaves and terminal, rough pods, narrowed at the joints. These pods are very adhesive and readily break apart, sticking to clothing or to animals as flat, four to five sided sticktight. It is a common weed in rather low grounds.

The seeds rarely separate from the joints: they are lenticular, kidney-form, about  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch long.

Frequent mowing or hoe cutting will kill out these sticktights or they may be destroyed by cultivation.

120. Tick-trefoil, (P.) *Meibomia Dillenii* (Darl.) Kuntze.

This tick-trefoil is a smaller plant than the preceding, frequently found in dry soils. The leaves are smooth and the plant dark green. It is less troublesome and can be controlled in the same manner.

121. Bush Clover, (P.) *Lespedeza violacea* (L.) Pers.

It is also frequent in dry, somewhat sterile soil, similar to that producing cinquefoil. It has pea-like violet blossoms, crowded together at the tips of the stems. It is smothered by fertilizing and cultivation.

122. Common Vetch, Tare, (A.) *Vicia sativa* L.

This weed very strongly resembles the pea, but has narrow, somewhat tapering, blunt pointed leaves and blue flowers. Not as yet frequent, but occasionally found in grain fields and waste places. If prevented from seeding it may be killed out in time.



## 123. Perennial Vetch, (P.)

*Vicia Cracca* L.

The perennial vetch is a native of damp thickets. It has extensive rootstocks, rendering it persistent where once established. In one instance known to the writer, the seed had become introduced into grass seed, thus infesting a lawn with the weed. In it the vetch proved a serious pest. It has 20 to 24 rather long leaflets and is covered with soft down; the flowers are blue, turning to purple.

It can be destroyed only by starving out the rootstocks, through repeated cutting or cultivation. It will require the same persistence in effort as Canadian thistle. Care is likewise needed to avoid breaking up the rootstocks and thus scattering the weed.

## GERANIUM FAMILY, GERANIACEÆ.

## 124. Geranium, (A.)

*Geranium* sp.

Several specimens of European geraniums have been found at different points in the state, chiefly in lawns. They are less conspicuous than low mallow, but none the less are weeds. Chiefly annual or biennial.

## WOOD SORREL FAMILY, OXALIDACEÆ.

## 125. Yellow Wood-sorrel, Sour-grass, (A.)

*Oxalis stricta* L.

Is the common sour-grass of children, which has three, inversely heart-shaped leaflets, commonly yellowish green in color. The flowers are bright yellow, the seeds are produced in great abundance. It is a common weed along fences, in lawns and in waste places.

Seeds brown, flattened, oval in outline, very small,  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch long, covered with deep, transverse wrinkles. In hay, etc.

This plant requires persistent hand digging to eradicate it.

## FLAX FAMILY, LINACEÆ.

## 126. Flax, (A.)

*\*Linum usitatissimum* L.

The cultivated flax, with its bright blue flowers and numerous seeds, sometimes occurs in grain and clover. In these situations it is evidently sown with the other seeds and may be prevented by care in this regard.

## AILANTHUS FAMILY, SIMARUBACEÆ.

## 127. Tree-of-Heaven, (P.)

*\*Ailanthus glandulosus* (Desf.).

This tree is much planted in towns. It is a leafy, rank growing tree whose staminate blossoms have a very offensive odor. The leaves are very long and pinnate, like those of the walnut. It spreads both by

seed and from the root. It should not be planted unless the risk of spread has been duly considered. The ailanthus has been introduced from China. The seed containing fruit is winged, thus rendering it easily carried by the wind. Where extermination is desired frequent grubbing is needed.

#### SPURGE FAMILY, EUPHORBIACEÆ.

##### 128. Three-seeded Mercury, Wax Ball, (A.) *Acalypha Virginica* L.

Is a leafy plant one to two feet high with long stalked, egg-shaped, bluntly toothed leaves. The seeds are borne in the axils (angles) of the leaves inclosed by fruiting leaves with 5 to 9 lobes or points. Very common about buildings and in enriched waste ground, also in clover seed in which its seeds are a frequent impurity.

Seeds straw color to gray, ovoid  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long, with wavy lines extending lengthwise, easily crushed between the fingers, hence the name wax ball. Frequent in clover seed from which they can not well be separated in cleaning. The time to remove such seeds is before the clover is cut.

Controlled by destruction of the seeds.

##### 129. Flowering Spurge, (P.)

*Euphorbia corollata* L.

Flowering spurge, Fig. 34, is common in dry soils. It grows two to three feet high and exudes a milky, acrid-poisonous juice when the stems are cut or broken. The favorite habitat is in land of low fertility where it is avoided by stock.

Seeds ash color, thick,  $\frac{1}{12}$  inch long, slightly uneven.

This plant has rootstocks underground and requires repeated cutting for its destruction.



Fig. 34 A Flowering Spurge.  
(After Millsaugh.)

##### 130. Spurge, (A.)

*Euphorbia nutans* Lag.

It is an erect, branching herb, with reddish-green stems and small leaves tinged with red on the margin and with a red spot near the base. It has small white or reddish flowers and the abundant milky juice of the preceding; it is common in dry soils along pathways and roadsides. It has been accredited with causing slabbering in cattle.

Seeds dark, slightly four angled,  $\frac{1}{24}$  inch long. Found in clover seed and in seeds of grasses; also in hay.

Destroyed by early pulling or hoe cutting and by cultivation.

## 131. Spotted Spurge, (A.)

*Euphorbia maculata* L.

Spotted spurge is a prostrate, spreading, commonly hairy, small plant with small brownish-red spots on the leaves. This one grows frequently in the interstices of unused walks and by roadsides. It has the milky juice of the family and the same objections hold against it as for the others.

Seeds, ash gray,  $\frac{1}{30}$  inch long, ovate in outline, sharply four-angled with four shallow grooves across each side. Frequent in seeds of grass and clover.

Destroyed like the preceding.

## 132. Cypress Spurge, (P.)

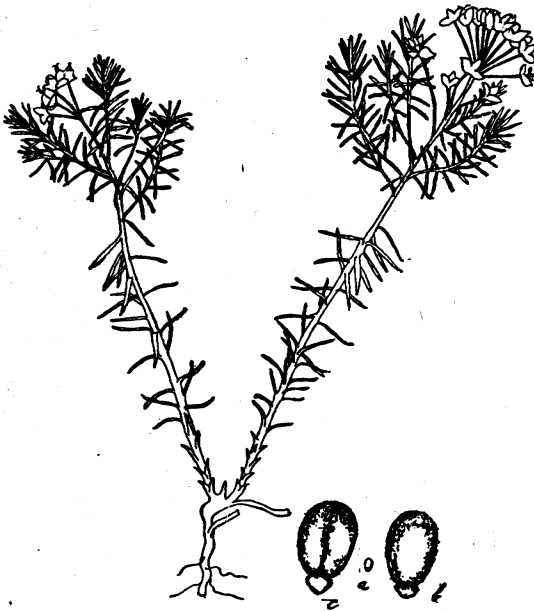
*\*Euphorbia Cyparissias* L.

Fig. 35. Cypress Spurge.

Cypress spurge is another of the same tribe, once thought by some to be worthy of cultivation. It is capable of proving equally as bad as toad-flax, live-for-ever, and other "flower-weeds." It is shown in Fig. 35, that it may be recognized. The stems are in dense clusters, six to ten inches high with numerous narrow leaves, giving the plant a graceful appearance. It has been so much planted in country cemeteries that it might with propriety be called "graveyard weed." The rootstocks propagate the plant in a widening circle each year, so that no

other flowers are able to resist its encroachments. Cemetery trustees should prohibit its planting in these places and require its destruction where it is grown in them. It is apparently spread by the root.

The seeds are as shown in Fig 35, *a b c*; these figures are copied from Nobbe.

Repeated cutting and salting is perhaps the best method to destroy cypress spurge in small patches. This will need to be continued until the underground stems have been starved out as with the other plants that have been mentioned.

## SUMAC FAMILY, ANACARDIACEÆ.

## 133. Sumac, (P.)

*Rhus glabra* L.

Smooth sumac is a low shrub with pithy stems and pinnate leaves, frequently troublesome in sandy lands and in fence rows. The taller stag-horn sumac, *Rhus typhina* L., similarly occurs in waste places. Both may be recognized by their dense clusters of bright red, acid berries. The leaves of the European sumac, *Rhus coriaria*, are used in tanning. The American species have not been utilized for this purpose and are probably valueless. Neither of these species is poisonous to the ordinary person. Destroyed by grubbing.

## 134. Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, (P.)

*Rhus radicans* L.

The poison ivy is a woody vine, climbing over trees and fences by means of its numerous air roots. It is very frequent on Ohio fences. By reason of some poisonous property, or perhaps, some poisonous exudation, many persons touching it or coming near it suffer from the painful skin eruption known as ivy poisoning. The swamp sumac, *Rhus vernix* L., also produces similar but more violent poisoning. One can avoid the swamp sumac, but the poison ivy is too common to be escaped altogether. It has *three leaflets* on each leaf stalk. These are commonly broader toward the base. It is often confused with the Virginia creeper, a harmless and beautiful vine, which has *five or more leaflets*, broader toward the point. Poison ivy should be killed out by grubbing and fire. Occasional persons can handle it with impunity; they are available in its destruction. Neglect is the only sufficient reason for permitting poison ivy to remain.

## MALLOW FAMILY, MALVACEÆ.

135. Velvetleaf, Indian Mallow, (A.) \**Abutilon Abutilon* (L.) Rusby.

Velvetleaf is a tall annual, 4 to 5 feet high, with large, velvety, heart-shaped, pointed leaves; conspicuous in corn and potato fields, and especially in bottom lands. The flowers are yellow, the seed capsules are urn-shaped and many pointed or beaked.

Seeds very numerous, dark gray, kidney-shaped or pipe-shaped, by reason of the long nose,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch across, slightly roughened. Found in hay, etc.

This weed is easily exterminated by pulling or cutting before the blossoms open. Its presence does not indicate care.

## 136. Low Mallow, Cheeses, (B.)

*\*Malva rotundifolia* L.

This mallow is a common garden and roadside weed; it has much scalloped leaves and small white or rose colored flowers, succeeded by flat, cheese-like masses of seeds, similar to those of the hollyhock. Chil-

dren sometimes gather and eat these masses, calling them "cheeses." It has a long tapering root, which fits it to grow in trodden earth.

Seeds very numerous, brown, kidney-shaped,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch across, thicker on the curved side with notch and beak at the other; apparently mallow seeds retain their vitality for a long time when buried in the soil.

It requires pulling or grubbing to destroy the weed in ground that cannot be cultivated.

137. **High Mallow, (B.)**

*\*Malva sylvestris L.*

It is a tall plant, two to three feet high, resembling the hollyhock. The leaves are sharply five to seven lobed and the petals large, purple or rose color. Occasionally found by roadsides.

Destroy by digging or cutting.

138. **Glade Mallow, (P.)**

*\*Napaea dioica L.*

This is a tall, roughish, perennial weed with very large, 9 to 11 parted lower leaves and small white flowers. It is becoming introduced especially about cities. To be destroyed like low mallow.

139. **Sida, (A.)**

*\*Sida spinosa L.*

The spiny sida, which is becoming very frequent in the southern half of the state, especially on dry land, is a native of India. It is soft, downy, 10 to 20 inches high and much branched. The leaves are long, egg-shaped, tapering and sharply saw-toothed. The flowers are small, greenish yellow, shaped like those of the hollyhock. There is a little tubercle at the base of the leaf on some of the plants, which gives it its name. For the soils indicated the sida is very frequent about gardens and potato fields.

Seeds dark brown, the shape of a quarter sphere,  $\frac{1}{12}$  inch long, smooth and dull.

Like other annuals, this weed must be prevented from seeding in order to destroy it.

140. **Bladder-ketmia, Flower-of-an-hour, (A.)**

*\*Hibiscus trionum L.*

It is a rather low, hairy annual, having three parted leaves with tapering divisions. It has a sulfur-yellow, showy corolla with dark center, (eye) soon closing, hence the name, flower-of-an-hour. Frequent in gardens and along roadsides. Capable of becoming a conspicuous and obnoxious pest.

Seeds dark gray, angular, kidney-form to obscurely pipe-shaped,  $\frac{1}{12}$  inch long, with slight roughening and commonly two rounded depressions in opposite sides of the seed.

Deserving of complete destruction before flowering.

## ST. JOHN'S-WORT FAMILY, HYPERICACEÆ.

## 141. St. John's-wort, (P.)

*\*Hypericum perforatum* L.

This herb is an upright, woody-stemmed plant, 1 to 2 feet high. It has opposite leaves, dotted with small black spots, and bright yellow flowers with numerous stamens; see Fig. 36. It is a troublesome weed in pastures and meadows.

Seeds oblong or slightly curved,  $\frac{1}{20}$  inch long, surface pitted in rows, apparently often distributed in grass seeds.

It is best destroyed by digging it up.

## 142. Shrubby St. John's-wort (P.)

*Hypericum prolificum* L.

It grows in dense clusters of upright, shrubby stems, 2 to 4 feet high, in exhausted and sterile, dry fields. The flowers are much like the preceding, and the small woody branches are two-edged.

Should be grubbed out and the land reclaimed by manuring and cultivation.

## LOOSESTRIFE FAMILY, LYTHRACEÆ

## 143. Clammy Loosestrife, (A.)

*Parsonsia petiolata* (L.) Rusby.

Is a very sticky, red stemmed annual, found throughout southern Ohio. The plant grows about a foot high, has egg-shaped, tapering leaves and small purple flowers. It is most frequent in dry fields and roadsides, occupying similar places to those infested by sida, especially pastures. The conspicuous feature of the weed is its very sticky (viscid) character of leaves and stems.

Destroyed by uprooting before the seeds are formed.

## EVENING PRIMROSE FAMILY, ONAGRACEÆ

## 144. Seed Box, (P.)

*Ludwigia alternifolia* L.

This is a smooth, branched plant, about three feet high, with narrow leaves pointed at both ends, and cubical pods with wings at the angles. It is frequent in swampy lands and sometimes occurs with the spiny sida.

Seeds, very small, brown,  $\frac{1}{60}$  inch long and one-third as wide.

Destroyed by frequent cutting.

## 145. Water-purslane, (P.)

*Ludwigia palustris* (L.) Ell

This is a prostrate, smooth, weed with small, egg-shaped, reddish leaves. It is very common in ditches and one of the serious pests of muck farms. Where too obnoxious it should be pulled up.



FIG. 36. St. John's-wort. A branch of the plant with leaves and flowers.  
(After Vasey, Report Botanist 1887, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

## 146. Willow-herb, (P.)

*Epilobium sp.*

The willow-herbs are somewhat downy plants of wet places, one to three feet high, with tapering, sharp toothed leaves, resembling those of willows. The seeds have a woolly attachment of the seed coat which renders them buoyant.

Usually disposed of through drainage and cultivation, by which the land is tamed.

## 147. Fireweed, Great Willow-herb, (P.)

*Chamaenerion angustifolium* (L.) Scop.

Has a very tall, unbranched stem 4 to 7 feet high, and scattered, tapering leaves. The flowers are showy, bright rose color to purple. It is sometimes very abundant in newly cleared lands. Fire seems to induce germination of the seeds protected by a layer of soil; hence the name.

The seeds are like those of the preceding; they are buoyant and can be transported by the wind.

Destroyed by very early cutting or cultivation.

## 148. Evening Primrose, (B.)

*Onagra biennis* (L.) Scop.

This is a tall, stout, very leafy, somewhat downy or hairy weed usually unbranched, from 2 to 5 feet high, see Fig. 36. The stems are often decidedly reddish; this character is lost when shaded. The leaves are two to six inches long. It has bright yellow, stalked flowers that open in the evening. This primrose is a frequent pest in fields, and by streams and roadsides, where it is generally neglected.

Seeds brown, rather small,  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch long, angular, shown  $\times 6$ , Fig. 37b. Distributed in grass seed.

Fig. 37. Evening Primrose.

The evening primrose is often a very troublesome pest. It is killed by early pulling, low cutting or by cultivation but will stool if mown. It should not be permitted to occupy fields, from all of which it can be obliterated by reasonable care. Any biennial with this character of seed can be subdued.



## PARSLEY FAMILY, UMBELLIFERÆ.

## 149. Wild Carrot, (B.)

\**Daucas Carota* L.

Wild carrot, Fig. 38, sometimes called bird's nest, is a vile pest. It grows from 2 to 4 feet high and has a bristly stem and much divided leaves, like the cultivated parsnip. The flowers are in broad, showy umbels, which turn inward from the outside, forming a neat bird-nest cavity. A bad weed of the field and roadside. Wild carrot is infested by the leaf spot fungus, *Cercospora apii*.

Seeds, brown,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, oval in outline, with many white prickles in lines along the seed, shown in Fig. 28, 3. Often distributed in clover seed and among grasses.

Wild carrot is one of the vile weeds whose destruction should be required. The plants should be cut with the hoe or spud before blossoming; if mown, they stool again and produce seed later. When a clover field is discovered to be infested with wild carrot it is better to plow again and cultivate in corn than to permit the weed to gain a foot-hold upon the farm. So conspicuous a weed should be rooted out.

## 150. Angelica, (P.)

*Angelica atropurpurea* L.

Angelica is a tall, stout plant with thick, purple stems and spherical flower-clusters (umbels) 3 to 4 inches in diameter, at least so in fruit. Leaves much divided into leaflets one to one and one-half inches broad. Common in river bottoms.

This may be killed out by grubbing the deep root.

## 151. Wild Parsnip, (B.)

\**Pastinaca sativa* L.

Wild parsnip is a familiar weed too often neglected. It has commonly a thick, grooved stem, rather long leaflets, a wide spreading umbel of yellow flowers and a deep root like the cultivated parsnip. The root is poisonous even after cooking. Persons who have eaten it were seriously attacked. Wild parsnip harbors the fungus, *Cercospora apii*, which so seriously injures celery. The weed is found more frequently in moist ground but flourishes nearly everywhere.

Seed whitish, thin,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long,  $\frac{3}{16}$  wide; carried to some extent by the wind.

The parsnip, like the carrot, may be killed out through deep cutting before the plants bloom. This work may be done either in late fall or early spring. About celery gardens the presence of the fungus parasite on wild parsnip and wild carrot should lead to their complete destruction.

## 152. Meadow-Parsnip, (P.)

*Thaspium sp.*

The meadow parsnips are similar in appearance to wild parsnip though much smaller and with stems much less or not at all grooved. They sometimes infest fence rows and cultivated ground along ditches.

Destroyed by frequent cutting with hoe and by cultivation.

## 153. Caraway, (B.)

*\*Carum Carui L.*

It resembles wild carrot yet may be distinguished from it by the difference in the flower clusters; those of caraway not forming the peculiar bird's nest of wild carrot. The roots are thick and fleshy. This plant has escaped about Vermillion, Erie county, where it is proving as troublesome as wild carrot. It is also reported from several other places. It should be treated with the same vigor as that accorded wild carrot.

## 154. Poison-Hemlock, (B.)

*\*Conium maculatum L.*

Poison-Hemlock is a large, much branched, European weed, growing in waste places. It has spotted stems, large, compound leaves and white flowers. This is a dangerously poisonous plant named after the Hemlock by which, as Dr. Gray observes, "criminals and philosophers were put to death at Athens." It should be eradicated by digging it out annually in the spring.



## 155. Water-hemlock, Spotted Cowbane, Beaver-poison, (P.)

*\*Cicuta maculata L.*

This is a stout weed, 2 to 6 feet high, having its stem streaked with purple; compound leaves with leaflets, 1 to 5 inches long, as shown in the illustration, Fig. 39. It commonly grows in marshy places and, as its name indicates, is a very poisonous plant which should be removed from all farm lands. The danger in cases of this sort is too imminent to permit of neglect.

Fig. 39. Water-hemlock.  
(After Mill <sup>o</sup>paugh.)

## DOGWOOD FAMILY, CORNACEÆ.

## 156. Panicked Cornel, (P.)

*Cornus candidissima Marsh.*

This is a small dogwood, a shrub 4 to 8 feet high, with many smooth gray branches characteristic, egg-shaped, pointed leaves, whitish beneath and white berries. It often infests low, somewhat marshy land, where it is killed out by draining and cultivating,

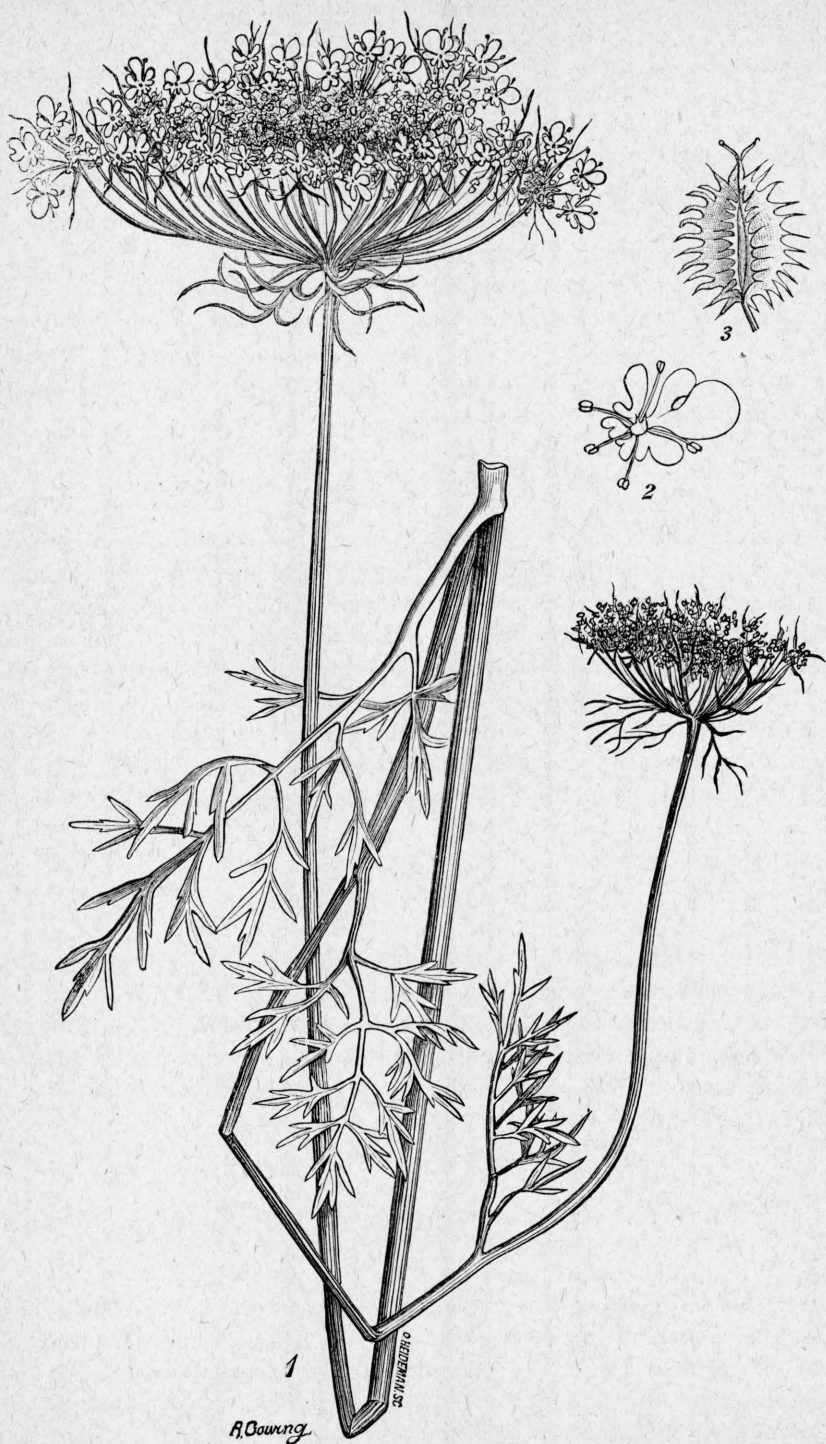


FIG. 38. Wild Carrot. A branch, flower and enlarged seed of the wild carrot.  
(After Vasey, Report Botanist 1887, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

## HEATH FAMILY, ERICACEÆ.

157. Laurel, Sheepkill, (P.) *Kalmia latifolia* L.

Laurel or calico-bush is a tall shrub, growing on sandy points or hillsides in eastern and southeastern Ohio. It has rather broad, bright green leaves, remaining on the bushes over winter. The flowers are in large, showy clusters, rose colored to white and dark spotted. This is found only in the uncleared land but its leaves are so poisonous to sheep that may eat of it freely in winter or early spring. It should be grubbed out upon every farm. It will pay to grub it out of the woodlots and save the many sheep likely to be lost.

## PRIMROSE FAMILY, PRIMULACEÆ.

158. Moneywort, (P.) *\*Lysimachia Nummularia* L.

Another of the pretty flowers that are only pretty to look upon. It has smooth, creeping stems with roundish, small yellowish-green leaves and showy, bright yellow flowers. It is often found in lawns and by roadsides, forming dense patches and crowding out everything else. Once started it can scarcely be controlled without cultivating the infested lands for some time. It should never be planted on account of its aggressive habits and is unfit to remain in public cemeteries, where it is often found. Besides thorough cultivation, the use of hoe and salt will be found efficient to destroy it.

## EBONY FAMILY, EBENACEÆ.

159. Persimmon, (P.) *Diospyros Virginiana* L.

The persimmon occurs throughout southern Ohio and, often like sassafras and hickory, proves a serious pest. It can be removed, however, by grubbing in the manner recommended for the other shrubs just mentioned.

## GENTIAN FAMILY, GENTIANACEÆ.

160. Sabbatia, (B.) *Sabbatia angularis* (L.) Pursh.

Is a handsome plant, 1 to 2 feet high, with four-sided and wing-angled stem, much branched toward the top. The leaves are egg-shaped, and somewhat heart-shaped at the clasping base. The flowers are showy and rose colored. This is very frequent in dry grass lands throughout the coal measure region. It is not especially troublesome and can be cleaned out by cutting.

## DOGBANE FAMILY, APOCYNACEÆ.

## 161. Periwinkle, (P.)

*Vinca minor* L.

The common periwinkle, incorrectly called myrtle, is frequently planted for ornament. It has long, trailing stems, green leaves persisting throughout the winter, and pretty, bluish-purple blossoms. It also has extensive underground stems by means of which it invades surrounding areas. While very pretty to bank about dense evergreens, it should never be planted intentionally and should be treated to liberal doses of hoe and salt until exterminated. The old proverb applies in the planting of such weeds.

## 162. Spreading Dogbane, (P.)

*Apocynum androsæmifolium* L.

The spreading dogbane is a low plant, usually about a foot high, with milky, poisonous juice. The stem has many diverging branches, the leaves are egg-shaped with a footstalk (petiole), the flowers numerous,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch across, rose colored and handsome. The leafstalks and larger, pretty flowers distinguish it from the next. This weed has long, running rootstocks like the common milkweed, these rendering it difficult to eradicate. It infests dry thickets and borders. I have met it most frequently as a field weed in the vineyards of northern Ohio.

Seeds brown, slender, about  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch long with a dense tuft of silky hairs at the tip for carrying by the wind. These seeds are contained in slender, smooth, tapering pods about four inches long by  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch in diameter.

Can be destroyed only by continuous clean cultivation or by repeated hoe cutting. As in other cases of rootstocks, these must be starved out.

## 163. Indian Hemp, Dogbane, (P.)

*Apocynum cannabinum* L.

Is the more poisonous and troublesome of the two, and is spoken of through the state as the small-leaved milkweed; the leaves are oval or tapering, two inches or less in length. It has, like the others, milky juice, but grows taller and more erect, 3 to 5 feet high, with small, yellowish green flowers in broad clusters at the tips of the stems and branches. The pods are tapering as in the other but longer, 5 to 6 inches. The leaves are almost without stalks. Indian hemp has yet more numerous rootstocks, and growing as it does, in rather damp bottoms, it is difficult to destroy. The plant has been suggested for fiber production, but for this purpose is thought to be inferior to swamp milkweed.

Seeds brown, slender, about  $\frac{3}{16}$  of an inch long, tapering to both ends, with abundant tufts of silky hairs as the other.

Eradicated only by persistent cutting and salting or by continued cultivation.

## MILKWEED FAMILY, ASCLEPIADACEÆ.

164. **Butterfly-weed, Pleurisy-root, (P.)** *Asclepias tuberosa* L.

Butterfly-weed occurs only in dry ground, growing 1 to 2 feet high. It has rough, hairy stems with very numerous, rather narrow leaves and dense umbels of bright orange flowers. It occurs most frequently by roadsides and in waste places in the southeastern and northwestern portions of the state. The juice is not milky, the pods are grayish, turning backward. The root is rather deep; it is an officinal remedy.

Seeds flat, winged, with abundant silky hairs.

While a handsome plant, worthy of cultivation, it is, nevertheless, out of place in fields and cultivated lands. Removed by grubbing.

165. **Swamp Milkweed, (P.)** *Asclepias incarnata* L.

As its name indicates, this has milky juice and is found in swampy places. Stems very leafy, 2 to 3 feet high, leaves long, distinctly veined, pointed; the flowers are purple, pods rather slender and smooth. The fiber or swamp milkweed is quite good, but not likely to supplant that of flax, hemp, etc.

Seeds brown, flat,  $\frac{1}{16}$  of an inch long, broadly winged and with attached silky hairs. After draining this plant still requires repeated grubbing or cultivation.

166. **Milkweed, Silkweed, Wild Cotton, (P.)** *Asclepias Syriaca* L.

This is the common milkweed of roadsides and permanent pastures; in the latter it is a most serious pest. The stem is softly downy, tall and stout, 3 to 4 feet high, with oval leaves, pale underneath, 4 to 8 inches long. The flowers are in dense umbels, dull purple, followed by thick warty pods. Fig. 40 shows the plant characters in part. The whole plant has an abundance of milky juice which exudes upon the slightest wound. The long hairs of the seed are abundant and applied to a variety of uses. Instead of a deep tap-root this milkweed has rootstocks by which it extends and spreads underground. For permanent pastures it is one of our bad weeds.

Seeds brown, flat,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long, slightly winged, with an abundance of silky hairs.

By reason of its rootstocks it requires continued efforts for its destruction. Repeated cutting with hoe or scythe or continuous cultivation will in time destroy it. For the pasture lands it may be cut two or three times annually with the scythe. Once cutting will not subdue it.



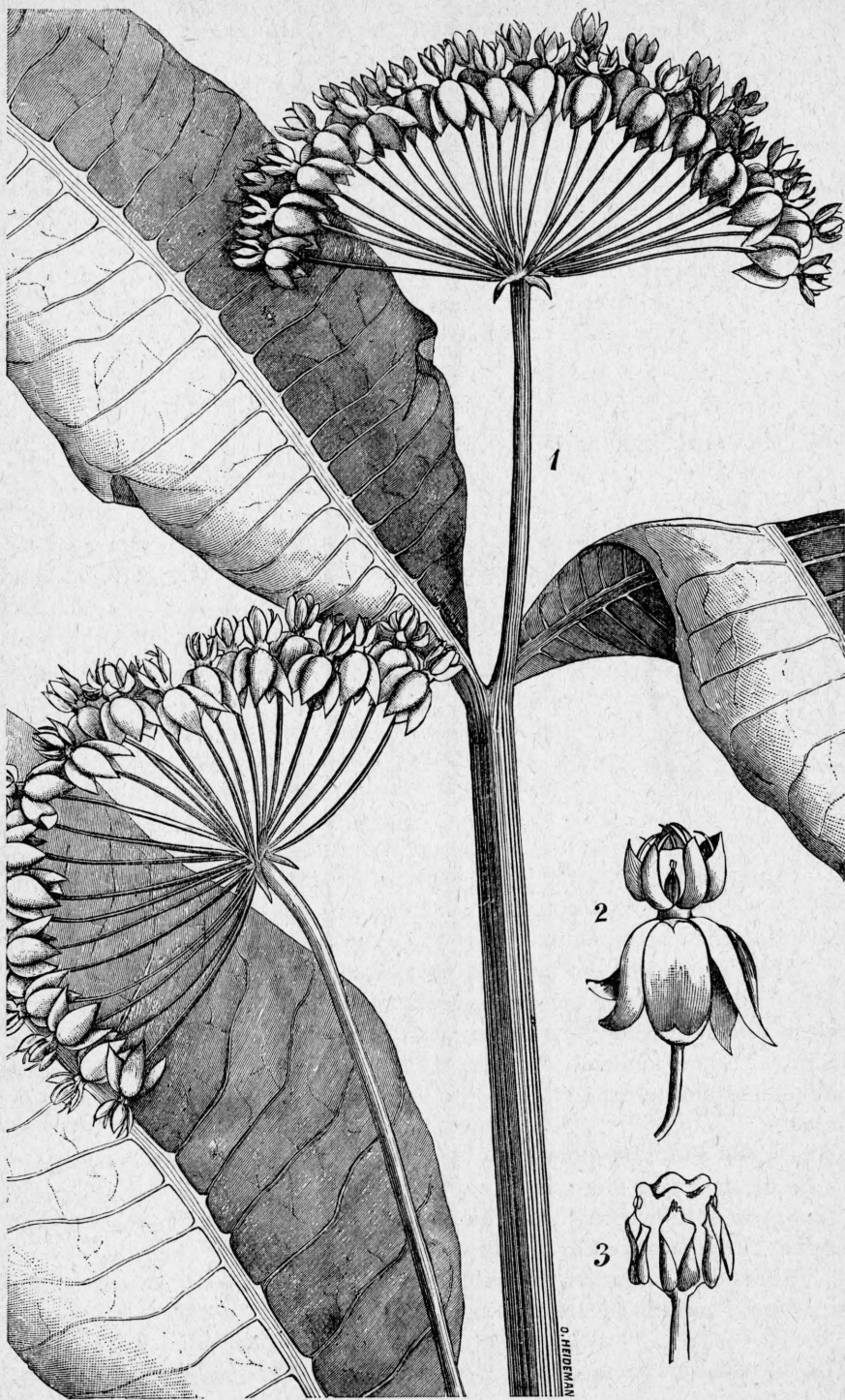


FIG. 40. Milkweed.

(After Vasey, Report Botanist 1886, U. S. Department of Agriculture,

## 167. Climbing Milkweed, (P.)

*Ampelanus albidens* (Nutt.) Britt.

Is a climbing, long-stemmed plant with opposite, heart-shaped, pointed leaves and pods and seeds as in the other wilkweeds. The flowers are very small and inconspicuous, while the leaves are 3 to 5 inches wide. It is a troublesome and unsightly weed along fence rows near the Ohio river, from Brown county westward.

Seeds much as in the common milkweed.

Climbing milkweed offers good reason for cleaning out fences, after which it will yet require continued cutting and salting or cultivation.

## MORNING-GLORY FAMILY, CONVOLOULACEÆ.

## 168. Man-of-the-Earth, Wild Potato-vine, (P.)

*Ipomæa pandurata* (L.) Meyer.

Fig. 41. Man-of-the-Earth.

(After Millspaugh.)

As an example of food storage in large thick roots this man-of-the-earth, Fig. 41, can scarcely be exceeded. The leaves are long pointed and sometimes fiddle shaped, the flowers larger than those of the morning-glory, with purple eye (center) and roots very large. Halsted has found some single roots weighing 35 pounds. These are of various forms, often club-shaped, thick and fleshy, two or more feet long, spreading chiefly underground. An enduring pest in sandy or rocky soils, where deep in the earth or in the cavities among the rocks it survives many years. The leaves are attacked by a whitte mold, *Cystopus Ipomææ-panduranæ* (S.), which infests others of this group, including the sweet potato.

Mere occasional cutting will not destroy it and digging out the root is too expensive, even where possible, which it is not, among rocks. The best available method for starving out these large roots is repeated treatment with hoe and salt or with sulfuric acid; salt is generally more convenient and safer.

## 169. Field Morning-glory, (P.)

*\*Ipomæa hederacea* Jacq.

This morning-glory is found in fields generally. It resembles the cultivated sorts which also grow in fields but often has halberd-shaped leaves. It is attacked by the fungus above named.

Seeds dark, angular resembling those of cultivated varieties. Destroyed by pulling before seeding.

## 170. Field Bindweed, (P.)

*\*Convolvulus arvensis* L.

The field bindweed, or small flowered morning-glory, is a somewhat recently imported pest of the most serious sort. The character of the weed may be seen from the illustration, Fig. 42. The leaves and the



small flowers, 1 inch or less in diameter at the top, are certain characters of recognition. It grows with stems several feet in length, twining about themselves or about any other plants which may happen to be near. Under ground it has extensive stems, any piece of which may start a new plant, and by this means it spreads year by year or is scattered by cultivating through the infested patches. Introduced from Europe and frequent along railroads. It is also found in gardens and fields where it is difficult to limit its spread.

Seeds dark, somewhat angular,  $\frac{1}{12}$  inch long. See drawing after Nobbe, x6, Fig. 42b.

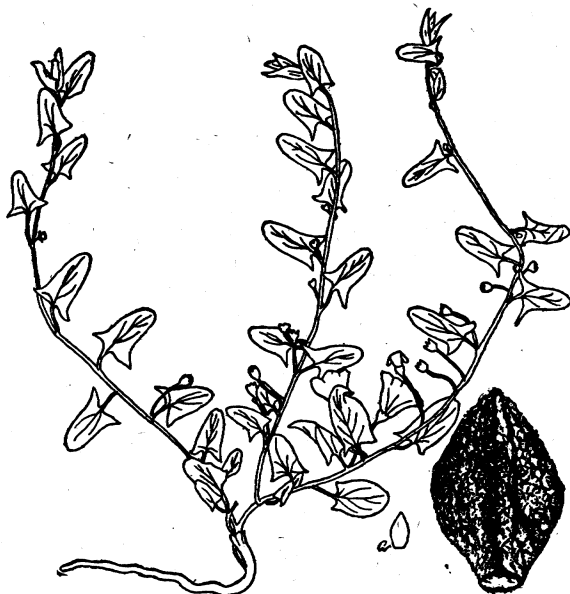


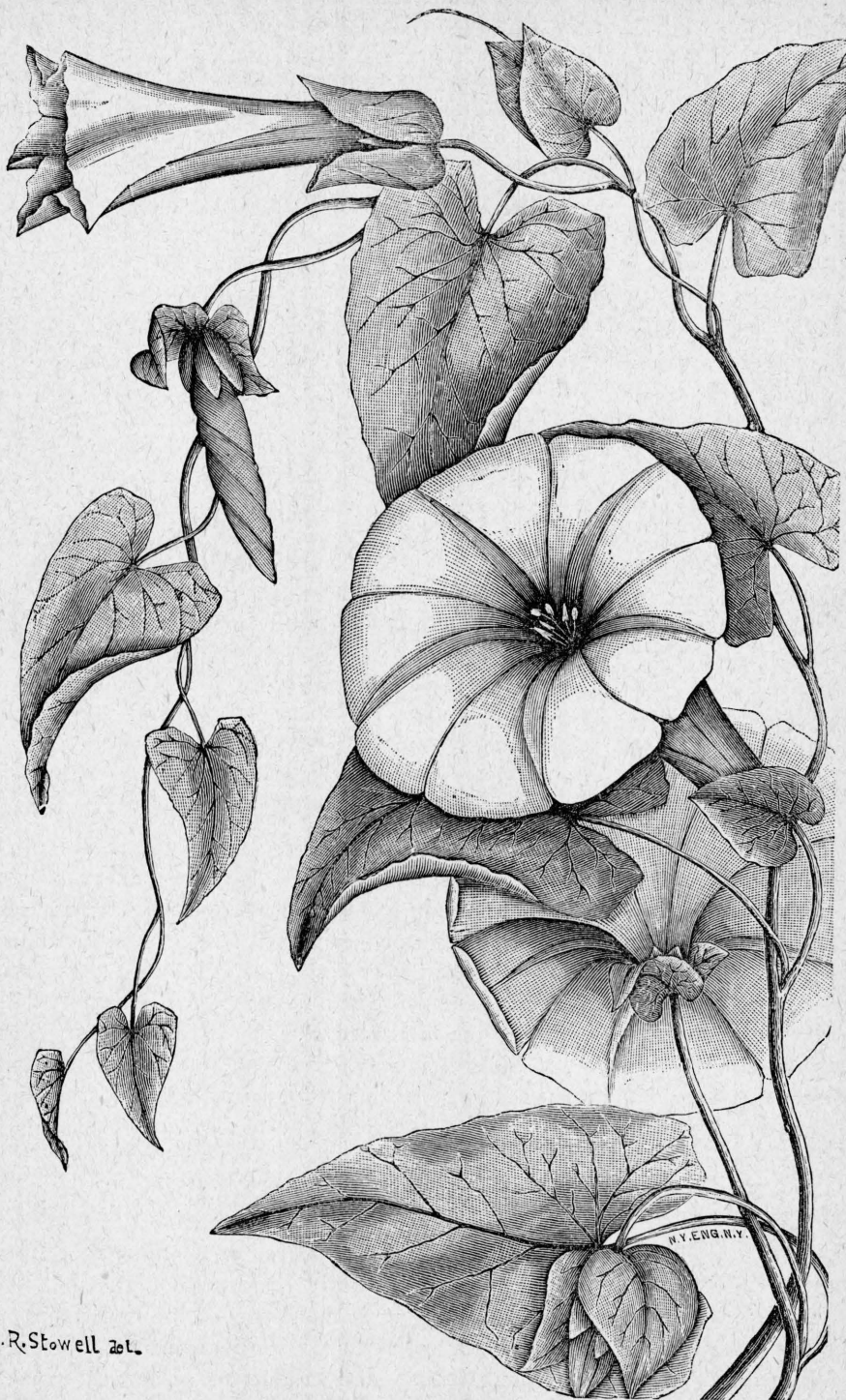
FIG. 42. Field Bindweed.

The eradication of the field bindweed is a very difficult task, yet as with Canada thistle, nothing short of eradication, when found in small areas, will serve the purpose of the land owner. However, as yet I can cite no cases of successful eradication. A friend who had his garden infested tried digging it up and then smothering with straw, but without success. A liberal use of hoe and salt would seem the best means of destroying it. True, other vegetation will chiefly be destroyed but this may be endured for a time if the bindweed is also exterminated. The work should begin on the outer fringes of the patches and let nothing escape there. The infested spots should not be cultivated with the surrounding land because of dragging the roots on the plow and tools.

#### 171. Bindweed, Hedge Bindweed, Morning-glory, (P.)

*Convolvulus sepium.* (L.) Willd.

The bindweed or bracted-bindweed is a native pest, almost equalling the preceding, but with perhaps, more limit by nature of the soil. It has long twining stems and triangular, halberd-shaped, or arrow-shaped pointed leaves with large white or rose colored, funnel-form blossoms, see Fig. 42. In addition to these it has very numerous, creeping, underground stems that possess all the persistent characters of those of the preceding. This weed is more common in bottom lands where, in corn,



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FIG. 43. Bindweed. A branch, natural size.  
(After Vasey, Report Botanist 1887, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

it is often erroneously called peavine; it is also found in moist fields generally. As with the European sort, cultivation scatters and spreads this weed.

Seeds dark, somewhat angular-kidney-form,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch across.

The bracted-bindweed is permitted to remain in some bottom lands cultivated continuously in corn. Certainly the continuous cultivation is a favorable opportunity to kill it out if followed by the free use of the hoe in summer and fall. So long as the weed is permitted by late growth thus to recover from the annual shock, it will continue to flourish. It seems well worth while to make a persistent fight against this weed.

#### DODDER FAMILY, CUSCUTACEAE.

##### 172. Flax Dodder, (A.)

*\*Cuscuta Epilinum* Weihe.

The dodders are weed parasites growing from seed sown with the infested crop, or permitted to drop upon the ground the previous season. They grow for a time without attaching themselves to other plants and unless a host is found within reach, they die when the stored food of the seed is exhausted, since they form no leaves. Living, slender leafless, straw-colored stems twine about the host plant, sending sucking organs into it and robbing it. They bear dense clusters of small, whitish flowers, followed by numerous spherical pods full of seeds. The flax dodder attacks the flax, the seeds being sown with the flax seed and ripening with it.

Seeds brown, small, somewhat the shape of a quarter of an apple,  $\frac{1}{32}$  of an inch long. Frequent in flax seed. A case of serious damage occurred near Wooster in 1896.

It is evident that the only way to prevent flax dodder is to sow no dodder seeds with the flax. The seeds are smaller and may be separated but it is yet necessary to reject the seed from fields in which the dodder occurs, if one wishes to be wholly safe.

##### 173. Clover Dodder, (A.)

*\*Cuscuta Epithymum* Murr.

Clover dodder is occurring with greatly increasing frequency in Ohio clover fields. It has the same tawny stems, twining about the clover and uniting the stalks above, but robbing and destroying the clover wherever the dodder grows upon it. One correspondent describes these spots as resembling the work of fire in clover. It has recently been sent to this office from several scattered localities, thus indicating the



FIG. 44. Clover Dodder.  
(After Millsbaugh.)

need of very much closer scrutiny of the clover seed sown. The small cut, Fig. 44, will give some idea of the appearance of a clover stalk with the dodder upon it. Dodder in clover means that the dodder seed has been sown with the clover seed, and further, that no clover seed should be saved from a dodder infested field.

Seeds small, gray to brown,  $\frac{1}{32}$  long, rounded on back and with roughened surface. Occurring in clover seed.

Clover dodder, like flax dodder, can be prevented only by sowing clean seed. When it is found that the clover is affected with the dodder the field should be plowed at once and cultivated to make sure of controlling the pest. No seed should be sown from the infested fields.

#### 174. Onion Dodder, Wild Dodder, (A.)

*Cuscuta Gronovii* Willd.

This is a wild species often seen growing over weeds and bushes along streams. It attacks onions and other plants in cultivation about its native haunts. Clearly the way to control this dodder is to destroy all of it upon its wild hosts by a free use of scythe and torch.

#### WATERLEAF FAMILY, HYDROPHYLLACEÆ.

#### 175. Phacelia, Miami Mist, (B.)

*Phacelia Purshii* Buck.

Miami mist is a pretty, blue-flowered weed growing, as if annual, upon dry or gravelly soils. It has hairy, branched stems about a foot high, with 5 to 9 lobed leaves and light blue flowers having fringed petals; it is quite a serious garden pest in the situations named.

Seeds rusty brown, the shape of a quarter sphere,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long, surface minutely pitted all over as if rust eaten.

Cultivation and seed destruction are essential in dealing with this weed.

#### BORAGE FAMILY, BORAGINACEÆ.

#### 176. Hound's-tongue, Dog-bur, (B.)

\**Cynoglossum officinale* L.

Hound's-tongue is an offensive smelling, leafy, field and wayside weed with mullen-like, though smoother leaves and small red-purple, partly concealed flowers at the summit. The flowers are succeeded by rather broad, rounded burs which adhere to clothing and to animals. Is a common weed in waste places. Burs about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long, nearly as wide, with one flat side and very numerous short spines.

Destroyed like other biennials, by deep cutting in fall or early spring.

## 177. Beggar's-lice, (A.)

*Lappula Lappula* (L.) Karsk.

A grayish weed with small, blue flowers, narrow, hairy leaves and bur-like fruit. This is found in some sections quite abundantly. To be treated as the preceding. Another plant also called beggar's-lice, *Lappula Virginiana* (L.) Greene, is found in thickets and upon the borders of woods. This is a biennial of otherwise similar character, flowers white.

## 178. Wheat-thief, Pigeonweed, Redroot, Corn-gromwell, (A.)

*Lithospermum arvense* L.

Wheat-thief also called stoneseed and pigeonweed is a troublesome winter annual especially in the northern and northwestern part of Ohio. The cut, Fig. 45, will give some idea of the appearance of the plant and its manner of flowering. It is from 6 to 12 inches high, leaves narrow, without veins, the whole hairy, rough and grayish. The flowers are small, white to cream color, seated in a leafy cluster, opening in March or April, and soon followed by the seeds, which often drop off below while the plant is blossoming above. An exasperating pest, especially in wheat fields where little opportunity is afforded to destroy it without destroying the crop.

Seeds hard and stony, gray to dull brown,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long, roughened, conical with narrow base; shown Fig. 45 *a* and *b*, the latter  $\times 6$ . Frequent in wheat, in clover seed and in hay. These seeds no doubt retain their vitality for a long time.

To destroy wheat-thief the plants must be uprooted very early; commonly the efforts to prevent it from seeding are begun only after the seeds are matured. Cultivation and hand pulling are good means of destroying the weed. It will often be better to break up a badly infested wheat field in early spring than to seed the field indefinitely with the pest.



FIG. 45. Wheat-thief.

## 179. Puccoon, (P.)

*Lithospermum canescens* Lehm.

Is a softly hairy plant, 1 foot or less in height, with blunt, narrow leaves and bright yellow flowers. It has a deep, reddish root and grows chiefly in sandy or dry soils.

Destroyed by deep cutting.



FIG. 46. Blueweed.

A plant with leaves and flowers.

(After Vasey, Report Botanist 1886, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)



180. Blueweed, Viper's-bugloss (B.) *\*Echium vulgare L.*

Is a rough, bristly, thistle-like, introduced weed, shown in Fig. 46. It has rather a deep root and a great abundance of prickly hairs, ready to become detached upon touching. Handling blueweed affords as much after pastime as a like engagement with prickly pear (cactus). This character engages for this plant an abundance of room. Blueweed, also called blue-devil, is found sparingly along railways and by roadsides, occasionally also in fields.

Seeds much resembling those of wheat-thief, but with broader base and angular body,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long.

The intensely bristly character of this weed calls for its destruction wherever it appears. It should be cut out with hoe or mattock in early spring.

## VERVAIN FAMILY, VERBENACEÆ.

181. Narrow-leaved Vervain, (P.) *Verbena angustifolia Michx.*

Is a low perennial on prairie soils in northern Ohio. It has a deep root, narrow, tapering leaves and dense spikes of purplish flowers.

The seeds as in the other vervains are brown, short, slender, in clusters of four.

Eradicated by the use of the hoe or by cultivation.

182. Bracted-vervain, (A.) *Verbena bracteosa Michx.*

Is a similar annual plant with cut or three cleft leaves and leaf-like bracts among the flowers. Occurs in southwestern Ohio, where it may be destroyed if dealt with throughout the season.

183. Blue Vervain, (P.) *Verbena hastata L.*

A tall plant, 4 to 6 feet high in moist ground. It has blue flowers borne in distaff-clusters at the summit. This is an unsightly weed, somewhat mildew covered as the next, and requires free use of hoe or mattock to be rid of it.

Seeds by fours, brown, commonly adhearing together, singly, slender, with two straight and one curved side,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long.

184. White Vervain, (P.) *Verbena urticæfolia L.*

White vervain is a common weed, 3 to 5 feet high, in fields and by roadsides. It has white flowers, in slender branching clusters, oval leaves which are stalked, coarsely saw-toothed and pointed. There are few other plants so commonly covered with the leaf mildew fungus, *Erysiphe Cichoracearum* DC., as is white vervain. This fungus also infests phlox, ragweed and a wide range of hosts.

Seeds like the last, frequent in clover and grass seeds.

The ever present mildew on this weed makes it a conspicuous and eye-offending pest that may be, and certainly if appearances count, will be destroyed by cultivation or grubbing.

#### MINT FAMILY, LABIATÆ.

185. Peppermint, (P.)

*\*Mentha piperita* L.

186. Spearmint, (P.)

*\*Mentha spicata* L.

Are two well known plants, preferring to grow in moist places, yet capable of growing wherever planted. The peppermint has a pungent, agreeable smell and taste, while the spearmint has a sickening taste. Both spread freely as do many of the plants of this family, by underground stems, any piece of which propagates a new cluster of plants. My attention has recently been called to bottom fields overrun with spearmint. Once thus infested the reclaiming is difficult. Certainly these two mints should be restricted and their spread prevented by hoe and salt or by other efficient means. Neglect of a small tract means the surrender of a large area in later years.

187. Water-horehound, Bugleweed, (P.)

*Lycopus* sp.

These are weeds of wet places; they have square and even sharply angled stems and more or less cut or saw-toothed leaves. Unsightly plants along ditches, they call for frequent mowing.

188. Pennyroyal, (A.)

*Hedeoma pulegioides* (L.) Pers.

Is a low branching, hairy weed, growing commonly in the shade of stumps and fences. The leaves are small and pleasantly aromatic. This little plant sometimes overruns pastures and field borders. Fire can, perhaps, well be used to destroy dead plants and seeds in the fall.

189. Basil, Calamint, (P.)

*\*Clinopodium vulgare* L.

Is an erect hairy plant, 1 to 2 feet high, with egg-shaped leaves and pale purple flowers appearing in globular clusters. This grows abundantly in field borders and by roadsides, gradually becoming introduced from the west. To be cleaned out annually.

190. Catnip, (P.)

*\*Nepeta Cataria* L.

Is a very common upright branching mint with deeply scalloped leaves, whitish underneath.

Seeds, like those of all mints, in clusters of about four, brown, with two rather straight and one larger curved side, about  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch long, having two distinct white parts to the scar near one end of the seed.

Killed out by digging or close hoeing.



## 191. Ground-ivy, Gill, (P.)

\**Glechoma hederacea* L.

A very pretty creeping or trailing plant, with round, kidney-shaped, scalloped leaves and reddish-blue flowers, see Fig. 47. This forms a dense growth of leaves and stems above, and stems below the surface of the ground, occupying it to the exclusion of better plants; another of the cultivated pretty flowers which prove almost impossible to kill out where well established.

There can be no doubt as to its ranking among the very worst weeds and it is rapidly becoming prevalent in fields and by roadsides.

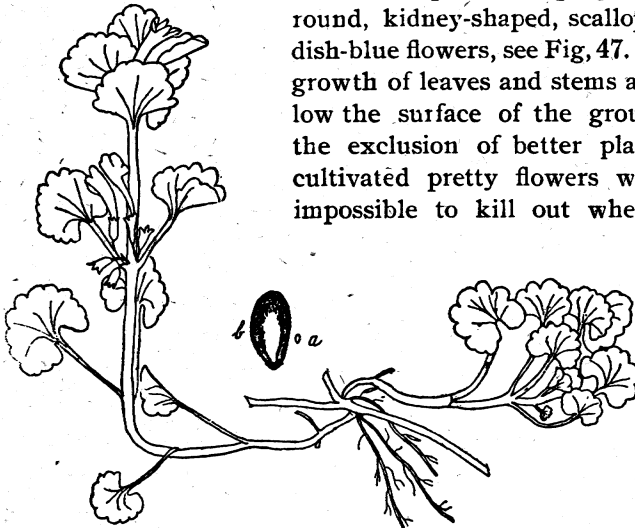


Fig. 47. Ground-ivy.

Seeds brown, resembling those of catnip, about the same size but with more of the grape-seed appearance about them, apparently not found in large numbers. The seed is shown natural size, Fig. 47a, and enlarged six times 47b.

This pretty thing is as difficult as horse-nettle or Canada thistle to eradicate; where fields become infested, fences should be removed and continuous cultivation be practiced. There is no middle ground with weeds of this class, they must be destroyed utterly or they take full possession of the fields. When dooryards and lawns are infested the same cultivation may be used, since hand digging will not destroy them.

## 192. Heal-all, Self-heal, (P.)

\**Prunella vulgaris* L.

Is a common plant in low grass land and by roadsides, growing about a foot high, with egg-shaped to oblong leaves and violet blue flowers in a dense head.

Seeds brown, shaped like a grape seed,  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch long, half as wide, smooth, shining, with a few darker lines lengthwise of the seed; not rare in hay. To be killed by free use of hoe.

## 193. Horehound, (P.)

\**Marrubium vulgare* L.

Commonly grows about a foot in height, having round, egg-shaped, stalked, scallop-toothed leaves and dense heads of small white flowers about the base of the leaves. The heads are prickly later from the teeth of the calyx. The whole plant is whitish, wooly and bitter aromatic. Frequently found in fields and waste places.

Seeds straw color to brown, broader toward one end, somewhat triangular with the characteristic shape of the mints,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch long.

While useful in domestic medicine, perhaps, horehound should be killed out in fields and waste places.

194. **Hedge-nettle, (P.)**

*Stachys palustris* L.

Growing frequently in wet ground along ditches and the borders of swamps, two to three feet in height, with four-angled stems and numerous, scalloped, saw-toothed leaves. Flowers are very small, clustered in angles of the leaves. It is an unsightly weed, killed out by cutting or cultivation after sufficient drainage to permit the growth of grasses.

195. **Motherwort, (P.)**

*\*Leonurus Cardiacus* L.

Motherwort is a common, tall perennial weed with its four-sided stems, lower rounded and upper finger lobed leaves. The pale, bearded flowers are in clusters at the base of the leaves.

Seeds dark, sharply triangular with one curved side, the flat top covered with hairs,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch long, somewhat shining.

Best killed out by cultivation; may be destroyed by cutting with hoe or by the free use of salt.

196. **Dead-nettle, (A.)**

*\*Lamium amplexicaule* L.

Dead-nettle is a recently acquired winter annual or biennial weed against which a sharp warning is needed. It has low stems, rounded, scalloped leaves clasping the stem and bright red-purple flowers in whorls at the top, see Fig. 48. It is becoming very frequent in lawns and gardens, proving aggressive in both situations. It should be watched for and eradicated upon its appearance.

Seeds gray, curved triangular,  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch long, with whitish markings over the surface. Promising to become as omnipresent as those of peppergrass.

Enough has been said of this to show the urgent necessity of prevention and destruction. The plant begins to blossom by March and forms its seeds very early, thus making promptness necessary. It should be treated as recommended for peppergrass and shepherd's-purse by growth of a winter crop of some other sort and by thorough cultivation.

197. **Blue-curly, Bastard Pennyroyal, (A.)** *Trichostema dioctomum* L.

This is a light green, low plant with fine, sticky down, oblong, tapering leaves and blue flowers in late summer. It is common in the dry fields of southeastern Ohio where it seems to do little damage as a weed.

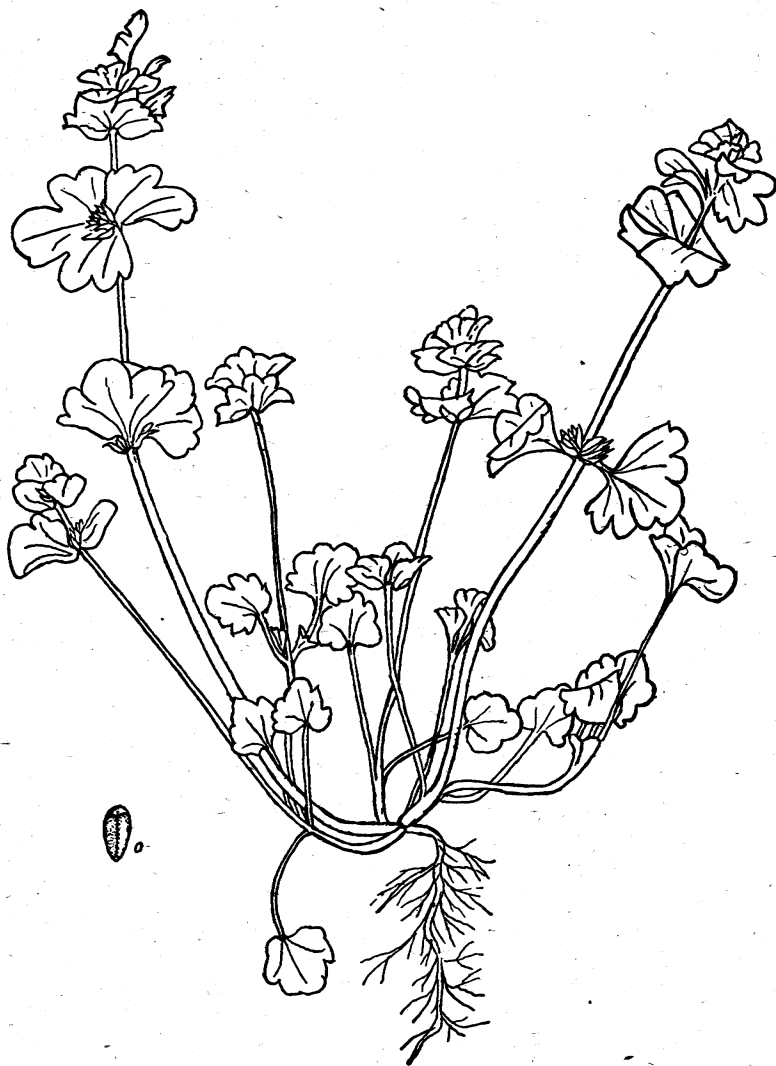


FIG. 48. Dead-nettle.

A plant is shown half natural size. Also a seed natural size and enlarged.

## 198. Wood-sage, Germander, (P.)

*Teucrium Canadense* L.

A very conspicuous weed in grass land and by roadsides, with its downy stems one to three feet high, egg-shaped, saw-toothed leaves, rounded at the base and conical flower clusters of rose-colored, purple-dotted flowers at the summit. It merits destruction by cutting or grubbing.

## POTATO FAMILY, SOLANACEÆ.

## 199. Ground-cherries, (A. &amp; P.)

*Physalis* sp.

The various ground cherries, with their egg-shaped leaves and downy or sticky branches, are frequent in waste places and in grass lands. They commonly have greenish or yellowish flowers, succeeded by a pulpy, many seeded berry, enclosed by a loose husk. The annual may be distinguished from the perennial sorts by the difference in the roots. All of them save the cultivated annual one with yellow edible berries, deserve to be destroyed.

## 200. Apple-of-Peru, (A.)

*\*Nicandra physaloides* Gærtn.

This is a tall Peruvian annual, two to three feet high, with smooth leaves somewhat resembling those of jimsonweed. The flowers are pale blue and the fruit similar to those of the ground-cherry, except that the covering becomes bladder-like and five wing-angled. A suspicious plant, recently introduced, it should be pulled up wherever seen.

## 201. Horse-nettle, Sand-brier, (P.)

*Solanum Carolinense* L.

No list of the vilest and worst weeds of the state would be complete without including the horse-nettle, a southern species much resembling the potato in leaf characters, but with leaf and stem bearing stout, straw-colored prickles. Fig. 49 shows the appearance of this plant when in blossom and also shows the spreading, underground stems by which it gradually extends its growth each year. It is commonly a foot in height, with purplish or white blossoms, followed by round, yellow berries about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch across. These berries are many seeded and strongly resemble those of the potato. The resemblance of the plant to the potato in general appearance, together with the prickles on the stem and leaves and the underground stems, make identification rather easy.

The weed has reached all but the extreme northwestern counties of the state, and in the south and southeastern it ranks with any other weed in noxious character. It is particularly annoying in permanent pastures where it flourishes in all sorts of soils. The berries are, according to a Meigs county correspondent, commonly produced in abundance, and the sheep feed upon them carrying the seeds to the higher land, thus spreading the pest widely. If choosing between it and the Canada thistle, the wind carried seed of the thistle is the only point to make it

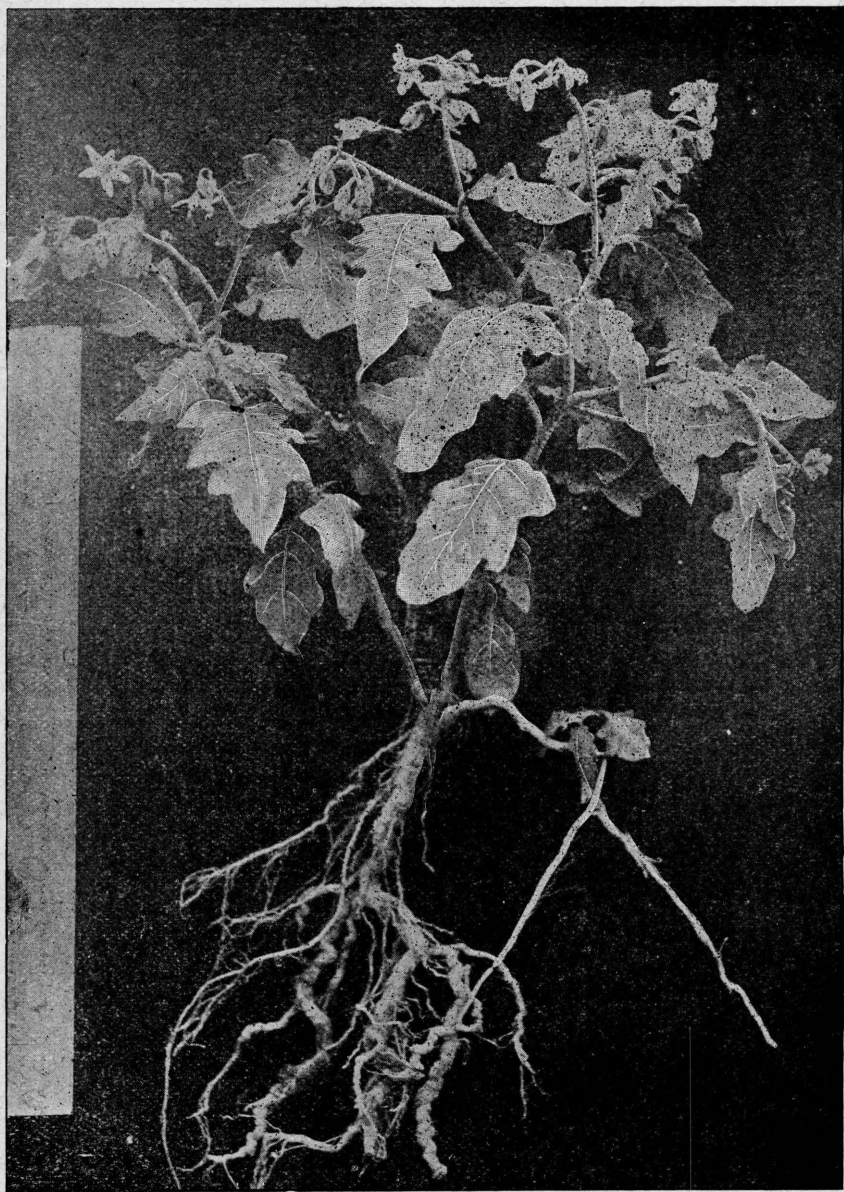


FIG. 49. Horse-nettle.

The cut, from a photograph taken at this Station, shows the weed with its spreading rootstocks and the formation of a new plant.

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worse than the horse-nettle; this point is almost offset by the fact just stated. Yet, horse-nettle has been permitted to spread over many thousands of acres of grass lands and along many miles of roadside. It should certainly be included among the weeds in the state law.

Seeds straw color, flat, round to egg-shaped,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long, smooth, liberated by the decay or opening of the berry.

To destroy horse-nettle the underground stems must be starved out. For this purpose, especially in pastures, but few methods of destruction can be used. If cut off with the hoe and then salted freely as often as the plants show green leaves, stock will seek the salt and materially assist in the destruction of the young plants, while of itself the salt and cutting tend to destroy them. Two or three seasons of continuous care will be needed to kill out the horse-nettle. Kerosene and sulfuric acid may be used instead of salt, but do not invite the stock to assist.

**202. Bittersweet, (P.)**

*\*Solanum Dulcamara L.*

This climbing, perennial, European plant has heart-shaped lower and halberd-shaped upper leaves (leaflets) with two ear-like lobes at the base, and purple or bluish flowers in small clusters, followed by oval red berries. It has become introduced in waste places and especially about old dwellings. It should be destroyed to prevent its spreading. The plant is said to be poisonous.

**203. Black Nightshade, (A.)**

*Solanum nigrum L.*

Black nightshade is a common weed about dwellings. It has low, smooth, branched stems, egg-shaped, wavy-toothed, white flowers and black, globular berries. The plant is very poisonous and children are often poisoned from eating the berries. Safety demands the destruction of this weed.

**204. Buffalo-bur, (A.)**

*\*Solanum rostratum Dunal.*

A prickly fruited, potato-like plant, is a recent introduction from the plains of the west. It is commonly very prickly, 1 to 2 feet high, with prickly, light colored leaves resembling those of the potato in shape and having the berry enclosed in a densely prickly covering; flowers yellow, root annual. A few years ago the first of this weed for Ohio was discovered about the grounds of Sells Brothers circus near Columbus, since that time it has been scattered in western seeds, in hay and the like, to many parts of the state. One correspondent aptly describes it as looking as if it were a cross between the thistle and the potato.

Seeds black or greenish, commonly kidney form, angled,  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long, the coat pitted all over with bubble-like pits or cavities. Frequently distributed in western seeds and hay. Buffalo-bur may easily be recognized by its prickly fruit and its resemblance to the potato. It should promptly be pulled up wherever found and burned.

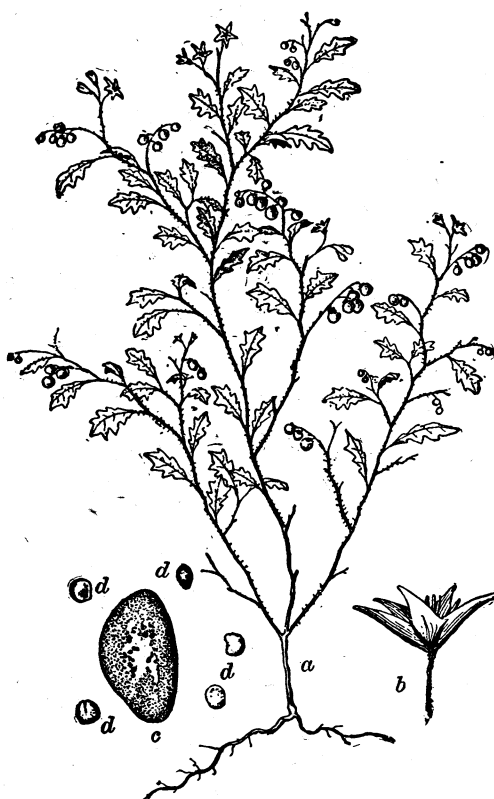


FIG. 50. Buffalo-bur.

(After Dewey, Bulletin 28, Division of Botany, U. S. Dept. Agric.)

**205. Jimsonweed, Jamestown-weed, Thorn-apple, (A.)***\*Datura Tatula L. and \*Datura Stramonium L.*

Fig. 51 shows a branch of one of these weeds with blossom and prickly fruit. Both are poisonous annuals, with large, scallop-toothed leaves and funnel-shaped white or purple flowers. The common name of these weeds is by reason of their early introduction at Jamestown, Va.

Seeds black, kidney-form,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, wrinkled and finely pitted over the surface.

These weeds should be pulled out wherever found, as they are dangerous. Children gathering plants have been poisoned from eating the leaves.

**206. Mullen, Woolly Mullen (B.)***\*Verbascum Thapsus L.*

It is a tall plant, 3 to 6 feet high, with large whitish woolly leaves and dense clusters of yellow flowers; common in

FIG. 51. Jimsonweed.  
(After Millsbaugh.)





FIG. 52. Moth-mullen.

Showing plant half natural size and seed x1 and x6.

sandy pastures and waste places. It should be cut off below the crown with hoe or mattock; if this is done in fall or early spring the plants may soon be destroyed.

207. **Moth-mullen (B.)**

•*Verbascum Blattaria* L.

Moth-mullen, Fig. 52, deserves to rank among the very worst weeds of timothy meadows, since the small, brown seeds are so common among the seeds of this grass as well as in clover seed. The plant is smooth, with a dense rosette of dark green leaves, from which springs a tall flower-stalk with woolly, yellow or white flowers, followed by globular pods of the size of peas. Very frequent in meadows and by roadsides. The universal testimony about this weed is "I found it in a newly seeded meadow."

Seeds very small, brown, about  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch long, like the lower part of a hexagonal pyramid, with sides alternately pitted, see Fig. 52 A and B. Very frequent in seeds of timothy and similar seeds of grasses.

To be cut out in early spring with hoe or spud.

MULLEN FAMILY, SCROPHULARIACEÆ.

208. **Toad-flax, Butter-and-Eggs, Ramstead, (P.)**

\**Linaria Linaria* (L.) Karst.

This is another one of the posies that soon prove to be weeds. Commonly planted about pioneer cabins and public cemeteries for ornament, this weed, unless destroyed, will spread over fields and waysides. It grows in dense tufts with low, erect stems, narrow leaves and bright yellow, spurred flowers, Fig. 53. It produces seeds abundantly, and propagates itself without limit by its underground stems. I have seen the sloping grassy hillsides and waysides of central Pennsylvania dotted for miles with this weed; once upon a farm it spreads to every corner, infesting all fields to their permanent damage. Thus far in Ohio it is chiefly limited to patches here and there, but as surely as it is neglected for twenty or thirty years more so surely will many of the fields of the state be hopelessly overrun by it.



FIG. 53. Toad-flax.

some districts.

Seeds black, with wing, the whole inch across, see Fig. 53a, which represents it enlarged several times. Present in seeds and hay from

Toad-flax, like horse-nettle, requires persistent and vigorous labor to destroy it. It may be killed out by continuous cultivation, but is much more likely to be spread through the breaking and spreading of the under-

ground stems. Use of the hoe and some plant destroyer such as coal oil, salt or sulfuric acid, following the cutting will be found efficacious, if continued for two or more seasons. In pastures, it goes without saying, that the salt would invite other assistance in the destruction. The weed should not be transplanted for ornament.

209. Figwort, (P.)

*Scrophularia Marylandica* L.

This is a tall, smooth plant, 3 to 5 feet high, with foursided stems and very large, pointed, saw-toothed leaves. It is common in low, rich bottoms and along ditches.

Seeds dull brown,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, deeply grooved and wrinkled lengthwise.

It may be killed out by persistent grubbing. Where abundant the roots, which are an official remedy, might be sold to repay the cost of digging them.

210. Western Beard-tongue, (P.)

*\*Pentstemon digitalis* (Sweet) Nutt.

Is a western, smooth annual, 3 to 4 feet high. It has long, tapering smooth leaves with clasping base and large tubular, inflated, whitish flowers commonly striped with purple. These are borne in dense clusters at the top of the stem. The seeds of this plant have been introduced into many counties of Ohio during the past few years in western grass seeds and in grain.

It may be killed out by digging it up, otherwise our own grass seeds will soon become infested.

211. Corn-speedwell, (A.)

*\*Veronica arvensis* L.

212. Purslane-speedwell, (A.)

*Veronica peregrina* L.

213. Thyme-leaved Speedwell, P;

*Veronica serpyllifolia* L.

214. Field-speedwell, (A.)

*\*Veronica agrestis* L.

These are small, weedy plants, 4 to 8 inches high, with rather pretty flowers along the tips of the branches. All except the last named are found nearly everywhere in gardens, in lawns and by roadsides. They grow in early spring, blossoming and seeding with chickweed and shepherd's-purse, and requiring the same severe methods for their destruction. The last named is less general but of the same character.

215. Common Speedwell, (P.)

*Veronica officinalis* L.

This is a downy, prostrate, stem-rooting plant of dry banks, with elliptical leaves  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inches long, and short spikes of rather pretty, blue flowers.

## BROOMRAPE FAMILY, OROBANCHACEÆ.

This is a family of leafless, parasitic plants, represented in Ohio by a few parasites such as beech-drops, squaw-root, etc., not infesting plants in cultivated fields. In Kentucky and the south the tobacco broomrape, *Orobanche ramosa* L., has been found destructive to tobacco.

## BIGNONIA FAMILY, BIGNONIACEÆ.

## 216. Trumpet-creeper, (P.)

*Tecoma radicans* Juss.

Is a woody, climbing vine with 9 to 10 leaflets and clusters of tapering, scarlet flowers,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 inches long, handsome in cultivation, but a serious pest when in fence rows and waste places. It requires repeated grubbing to destroy it, and this treatment is deserved when aggressive.

## PLANTAIN FAMILY, PLANTAGINACEÆ.

## 217. Bracted-plantain, (B.)

\**Plantago aristata* Michx.

Bracted-plantain is a comparatively new weed in Ohio, and has attracted much notice during the past few years. It has apparently been widely introduced through the use of western seeds and forage. It commonly grows less than a foot high with rather long, narrow, pointed, ribbed leaves and naked flower-stalks, bearing long clusters of flowers intermingled with short narrow leaves (bracts), hence the name. See Fig. 54. It most resembles the narrow plantain. The weed appears thus far to have been less aggressive than either the broad or narrow plantain, but has become so widely diffused that it may be expected to prove well suited to certain soils.

Theseeds are dark-brown, rounded at the ends and on one side flat, and grooved lengthwise on the other,  $\frac{1}{2}$

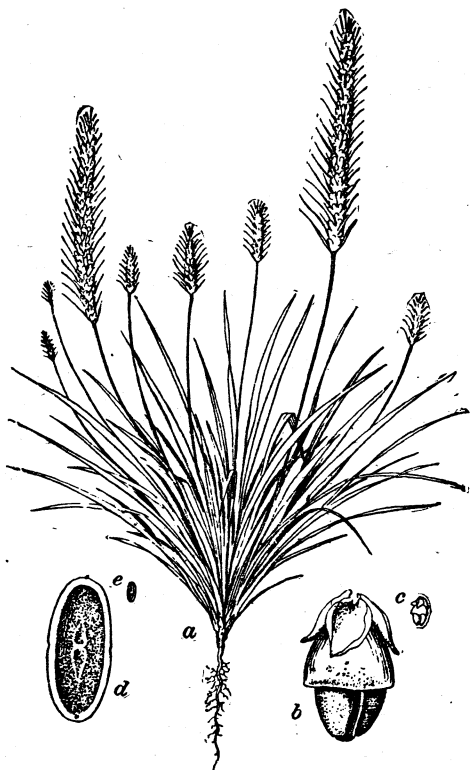


FIG. 54, Bracted-plantain.

(After Dewey, Bulletin 28, Division of Botany, U. S. Dept. Agric.)



FIG. 55. Sandwort-plantain.

This shows a plant one-half natural size, and at *a* the seed enlarged about four diameters.

inch long with a transverse groove midway across the smooth rounded side. (See Fig. 54 *d.*) Distinguished from the seeds of narrow plantain by this transverse groove. Very frequent in clover and timothy seed from west of the Mississippi.

This is rather a short lived plant, a winter annual or biennial, which can best be removed through cultivation or by hand digging in the spring. The methods of control are much like those of the narrow plantain, while it promises to be rather less noxious.

218. Sandwort-plantain, (P.)

*\*Plantago arenaria* L.

This is the latest importation from Europe, represented in Fig. 55, which is drawn from a specimen collected in Dayton, Ohio, by the late Bro. H. Jaske, a careful collector. The leafy stems are much taller, the resemblance to the other plantains being suggested only in the narrow, ribbed leaves and in the flower clusters. It is illustrated that it may be distinguished should it appear elsewhere. Its possibilities as a weed can hardly be predicted. From what we know of the others the destruction of the plant as a weed would be a safe measure.

Seeds as shown in Fig. 55, almost oval,  $\frac{1}{12}$  inch long, black, with one flat, grooved, and one rounded, smooth side. Apparently brought in packing from Europe.

219. Narrow Plantain, Buck-plantain, Ribgrass, (P.)

*\*Plantago lanceolata* L.



FIG. 56. Narrow Plantain  
(After Millspaugh.)

Narrow plantain, Fig. 56, ranks among the worst weeds, particularly upon light, sandy soils. It is apparently not so exclusive as sorrel in choosing to grow only upon sandy lands, but its most aggressive and injurious characters will show over the same regions as those outlined under sorrel and broom-sedge. The leaves of this weed are narrow and tapering, with prominent veins (ribs) running lengthwise. The flowering stems are commonly about a foot high, with leafless spikes of flowers succeeded by an abundance of seed. I have seen some fields hopelessly infested with it. For such only the greatest care and persistence can bring relief. For most districts it comes largely in hay and in grass and clover seeds. In all these districts it will be possible by vigorous measures to control the pest.

Seeds, dark brown, oval in outline, rounded at the ends and on one side, hollowed and grooved on the other, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long, smooth and somewhat shining. A very frequent impurity in clover seed where it

occurs often with bracted-plantain. It is distinguished from the latter by the absence of the transverse groove across the back.

The first measure in all cases is to avoid distributing the seeds of narrow plantain. But once having it, methods of destruction must be vigorous and persistently followed. If a few stools only are found these may be removed by hand digging. For this purpose a narrow hoe or spud is a good tool. But where a field has a considerable quantity scattered about, it would be best to plow promptly and cultivate until the plants are destroyed. In every case no plant should be permitted to form seeds. Newly seeded clover fields should be inspected to ferret out any of this or of other weeds. In lawns where dense tufts of it occur mere mowing will not suffice and it will generally prove cheaper to spade up and resod. The thickened rootstocks of this weed must be thoroughly removed in all efforts in digging and cultivation.

**220. Broad Plantain, (P.)** \**Plantago major* L., *Plantago Rugelii* Decaisne.

The broad plantain is an annoying weed more particularly in manured land. It has a thick rootstock like the last, broad, oval, ribbed, green leaves and the latter very long tapering spikes of flowers and seeds. In enriched fields seeded to clover and the like, broad plantain is frequently a serious pest; it is ever present about yards and waste places. The recognition of the plant is not a difficult matter, but the recognition of the seed is all essential since it is so frequently an impurity in clover seed.

Seeds dark brown to black, very irregular in shape, with rounded back and variously flattened, sloped or angled on the other side,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long or less, by about one-half as wide. Very common in clover seed. It is suggested that interested persons collect this seed to keep for comparison with the apparent dark fragments in clover seed. The seeds may be otherwise passed by for some particle of dirt in the seed.

Broad plantain may be removed by hand from yards and lawns. In clover fields continuous cultivation is required. This will be the same as that recommended for mustards in clover.

**MADDER FAMILY, RUBIACEÆ.**

**221. Bedstraw, Cleavers, Goose-grass, (A.)** *Galium Aparine* L.

This is a weak-stemmed, prickly-angled plant, trailing over other plants and over bushes. It is found in damp thickets and along fence rows. The seeds mature and drop early, so that where troublesome it is best controlled by taming the land and crowding it out with grasses.

**HONEYSUCKLE FAMILY, CAPRIFOLIACEÆ.**

**222. Common Elder, (P.)** *Sambucus Canadensis* L.

The common elder has dark purple berries in large, flat clusters, following the somewhat showy blossoms; the pithy, woody stems are easily cut and broken, but the spreading roots are much more difficult to destroy, since they spread and send up new shoots on slight provoca-

tion. The roots in this case, like the underground stems of horse-nettle, require to be starved out by repeated cutting, or dragged out by cultivation..

223. Lamb-lettuce, Corn-salad, (A.) *Valerianella radiata* (L.) Dubr.

This is a low, white-flowered, pale weed, with two-forked, branching stems and growing in wet grass lands. It is mentioned here more by reason of its abundance than because of any especially noxious character.

TEASEL FAMILY, DIPSACEÆ.

224. Teasel, (B.)

*\*Dipsacus sylvestris* Huds.

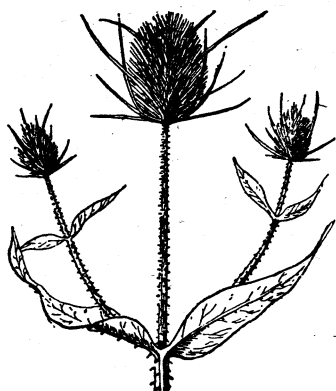


FIG. 57. Teasel.  
(After Millsbaugh.)

Teasel, Fig. 57, is by no means a rare roadside weed. Its large prickly leaves and awned heads are very conspicuous. It grows like the common thistle, and like it flourishes through neglect. It often infests fields, but is more generally a weed to demand the attention of the road supervisor.

Seeds, brown, four sided and somewhat angled, ends almost flat,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, with a rib lengthwise in the middle of each side.

Teasel, like any other biennial, may be readily destroyed by deep cutting or grubbing in early summer. The use of the hoe would greatly improve the appearance of many roadsides.

BELLFLOWER FAMILY, CAMPANULACEÆ.

225. Venus's Looking-glass, (A.) *Legouzia perfoliata* (R. & P.) Britt.

Is a low plant, 4 to 18 inches high, with roundish, toothed leaves clasping the stem, and bluish-purple flowers sitting in the cups. A frequent weed in open, rather sterile ground.

It should be pulled up before seeding if found obnoxious.

226. Lobelia, Indian Tobacco, (A.)

*Lobelia inflata* L.

Is a low weed, 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet high, much branched, somewhat hairy, with egg-shaped, blunt-toothed leaves and small blue flowers, followed by inflated, seedy pods. It is very common in dry fields and in pastures generally. This is a very poisonous plant, much prized in domestic medicine as an efficient emetic. It may be pulled up before flowering. The plant is so very poisonous that none but competent physicians should prescribe its use.



## 227. Great Lobelia, (P.)

*Lobelia syphilitica* L.

This is a hairy, single-stemmed plant, growing 2 to 3 feet high, bearing an abundance of large, thin, toothed leaves, tapering to a point at both ends, and dense clusters of blue flowers at the summit; it resembles the cardinal flower except for the difference in color. Where too conspicuous this may be grubbed out or destroyed with the hoe.

## ASTER AND DAISY FAMILY, COMPOSITÆ.

This is one of the most abundant families of plants in our flora and is represented by a liberal supply of weeds. It is named the composite family from the fact that many single flowers are collected into dense heads commonly known as the flower. Many of the species have two sorts of flowers in the head. The border ones having long, strap-shaped corollas, forming the rays of the head; they are commonly white or yellow in color and are sometimes absent. The centre of the head has the disk flowers, which are inconspicuous and have tubular corollas, often differing in color from those of the ray flowers. All have a forked style and the anthers in a ring. We shall use the term "rays" to designate the flat, strap-shaped corollas of the border flowers, and the term "disk flowers" to represent those of the center of the head. In the group with milky juice all the corollas are strap-shaped. The common term petals, as applied to daisies, asters and the like, is too misleading to warrant its use in the descriptions of the list. The family presents a large number (fifty or more) of Ohio weeds.

## 228. Ironweed, (P.)

*Vernonia gigantea* (Walt.) Britt.

With its tall stems, 4 to 7 feet high, large, tapering, pointed leaves and red-purple heads of flowers, the ironweed is a noticeable plant. More than this, its perennial roots makes it despised by the cultivator. This weed's favorite haunt is in moist, permanent grass lands, such as grassy hollows, bottoms and pastures. In these situations danger of washing often prevents cultivation, so that the ironweed holds its own year after year, sending up its hard, woody stems. For eradication we have the alternatives of grubbing or cutting off with the hoe and salting; the salting will be much more efficient in pasture lands, where its work will be extended more or less by the stock. The species given is that more commonly found; one or two others grow in similar situations, but all have the ironweed character.

The ironweeds are attacked by several species of fungi, including the leaf mildews, *Erysiphe Cichoracearum* DC. and *Sphærotheca Castagnei* Lév.; by a downy mildew *Plasmopora Halstedii* (Farl.) and by rusts belonging to two genera, *Coleosporium* and *Puccinia*.

229. **Jopye-weed, Trumpetweed, (P.)** *Eupatorium purpureum* L.

Is a very tall weed, four to ten feet high without branching and with a large cluster of reddish blossoms. The leaves are very large, growing in a circle, three to six at a joint. They are sharp saw-toothed on the margin. Jopye-weed grows in similar situations to ironweed and may be destroyed in the same manner.

230. **White Snakeroot, (P.)** *Eupatorium ageratoides* L.

This is a smooth, branching thoroughwort, about three feet high, with broadly egg-shaped, coarsely toothed, pointed, long-stalked leaves, three to five inches long. It has showy clusters of pretty white flower-heads, making a conspicuous and handsome plant, sometimes found in cultivation. It is very frequent in low, bottom pastures and along the borders of woods. Interest attaches to this weed by reason of its suggested relation to milk-leg in cattle and its reputed poisoning of sheep. Experiments in feeding it made by Professor Hunt failed to give any positive evidence.

For destruction it requires the same measures as for ironweed.

231. **Boneset, Thoroughwort, (P.)** *Eupatorium perfoliatum* L.

If used as a domestic remedy would exclude a plant from a weed list this one would be excluded. But unfortunately it is a low, unsightly weed in moist land. It has light green, opposite leaves, whose bases unite around the stem, and small heads of white flowers. This plant was introduced into England, according to Millspaugh, as early as 1699, but was not admitted into medical practice until about 1800. It has the same character of root as ironweed, and requires like vigorous treatment to destroy it. As with the three preceding, its destruction is assisted by more thorough drainage of the land in which it grows.

Thoroughworts harbor the same or similar species of fungi to those found upon the ironweed.

232. **Kuhnia, (P.)** *Kuhnia eupatorioides* L.

Grows in clusters, two to three feet high, from a very large, deep root. The leaves are narrow, tapering and sometimes toothed, the whitish flowers are followed by seeds with very showy, attached plumes. This is a very conspicuous weed in late fall, occurring in dry or prairie lands, more commonly to the northward. It is, wherever seen, usually badly rusted with *Puccinia Kuhniae* S.

It is more easily killed by grubbing than ironweed or boneset, by reason of the single root.

233. **Golden Aster, (P.)** *Chrysopsis Mariana* Nutt.

Is a silky, hairy low plant, about a foot high, with oblong leaves and flat-topped clusters of flowers with bright yellow rays and disks. It is frequent in dry or sterile grass lands in southeastern Ohio.

## 234. Tall Goldenrod, (P.)

*Solidago Canadensis* L.

While there are many species of goldenrod (*Solidago*) more or less abundant along streams and the borders of woods, there seem to be two species only, requiring mention here as weeds; these are the tall goldenrod and the next or low goldenrod.

This one is tall and stout, three to five feet high, with rough, hairy stem, an abundance of lance-shaped, pointed, saw-toothed leaves and small heads of yellow flowers. The stem is very leafy, the leaves commonly five to six inches long. The plant comes frequently on fence borders and in fence rows where, though pretty, it calls for destruction. Best killed out by cultivation or by digging.

## 235. Low Goldenrod, (P.)

*Solidago nemoralis* Ait.

It is by far the commonest goldenrod, of sterile fields and dry roadside. It grows from six inches to two feet high, having a grayish, hoary down and leaves wider toward the point, tapering toward the stem. The most characteristic part is the dense, one-sided cluster of bright yellow flowers, beginning to open early in August.

Like cinquefoil, the low goldenrod indicates a sterile soil, which calls for fertilizing and general improvement. The goldenrods are attacked by similar rusts and by the same mildews as those found upon ironweeds.

## 236. Heart-leaved Aster, (P.)

*Aster cordifolius* L.

Is a handsome aster, with broad, heart-shaped leaves, growing freely in fields and by roadsides, often accompanied by two or three other specimens of similar habits. It has a much branched stem, pale blue or nearly white ray, and pink to yellow disk flowers. Where too aggressive the asters may be killed out by cultivation, but they usually indicate a need of greater fertility.

## 237. Steelweed, Hairy Aster, (P.)

*Aster ericoides pilosus* (Wild.) Porter.

Within a few years a great deal of complaint of this weed has reached us from the region bordering on the Ohio river, and in some localities, notably in Brown county, the idea has been advanced that the weed was brought in by the great flood of 1884. Examination, however, showed that the weed prevails throughout southeastern Ohio and has done so since the settlement by the whites. Mr. Nelson Cox, of Ensee, Lawrence county, informs me that to his knowledge fields in his vicinity were badly infested with this weed more than twenty years ago.

Southern Ohio seems to be most congenial for this plant, although it is found as far north as Lake Erie. The weed is native, undoubtedly, over large portions of the state. It is a hairy, moderate sized plant, 1 to 3 feet high, with tapering leaves as shown in the cut (Fig. 58), short, white rays and purplish disk flowers. The favorite habitat of this weed



FIG. 58. Hairy Aster or Steelweed  
A plant is shown half natural size, the seed with pappus natural at *a*  $\times 6$  at *b*.

is in dry, somewhat sandy land, where it proves decidedly aggressive. The dense, woody stems are objectionable in meadows and the plant appears to be useless for forage. The characterization as a worst weed is well shown by a study of its habits in the hilly counties.

Seeds grayish, oblong, with roundish ends,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, hair soft and weak, in a small ring, (Fig. 58 *a* and *b*). Carried freely by the wind.

It is hopeless to undertake to eradicate hairy aster from the regions well suited to it. Like the goldenrod just mentioned, it is more or less indicative of sterile soil. Its habit shows that we may hope to subdue it through cultivation and fertilizing, thus in the end crowding it out with clover and grasses. Sheep will keep it down somewhat.

**238. Smooth Aster (P.)**

*Aster laevis* L.

This is a low growing, smooth aster, with rather dark green leaves and sky-blue rays. It is common in dry situations and like the last more or less symptomatic.

**239. White-top, Whiteweed, Daisy-fleabane, (A.)** *Erigeron annuus* Pers.

Is a common weed, 3 to 5 feet high, in meadows and other grass lands. It has a hairy stem and egg-shaped, coarsely and sharply toothed leaves. The rays are white, the disk yellow with the general appearance of a "daisy." The farmer knows its character but too well. Its appearance in meadows seems to be intermittent. This has already been mentioned on an earlier page. During 1895 and '96 there was very little white-top in the clover fields or elsewhere, but in 1897 it was very abundant. The explanation lies in the germination of the buried seeds during the favorable rainy season of 1896, hence we may expect it again in 1898. The small plants might be seen in the fall of 1896, with their dark green, coarsely toothed leaves, waiting only until spring should come, to send up their stems and produce flowers and seed. It will thus be seen that white-top is a winter annual, and that we may expect crops of it so long as we produce crops of seed. This weed has become naturalized in Europe.

Seeds very small, light colored, with short tufts of tawny hairs (pappus). It certainly should be possible to remove these seeds wholly from grasses and clover by thorough cleaning, although this is by no means always accomplished.

Eradication of the white-top has been outlined above. It must depend upon seed destruction. When the seeds are harvested with the hay and again scattered with the manure we can not expect to be rid of it. Where clover fields are badly infested this may be known by fall examination, and the ground again plowed for wheat, turning under the weeds.

**240. Common Fleabane, (P.)***Erigeron Philadelphicus* L.

Is like the preceding but growing in moist land only, and having rose-purple or flesh-colored rays. It is disposed of by drainage and cultivation.

**241. Horseweed, (A.)***Erigeron Canadensis* L.

Horseweed is a tall, hairy plant, 1 to 5 feet high, with very narrow weeds scattered along the stem. It has dull flowers followed by an abundance of seed resembling that of white-top. The leafy character has led to the local name of "mare's-tail." This conspicuous weed may be killed, in uncultivated fields, by pulling it up, since the stem is always strong and the root not large.

**242. Plantain-everlasting, (P.)***Antennaria plantaginifolia* Hook.

This everlasting is a low plant, 4 to 12 inches high, with silky-woolly plantain-like, whitish leaves in rather compact rosettes. It spreads by offsets and runners, thus extending rapidly under favorable conditions. It has a few globular heads of creamy flowers on upright stems a few inches in length. Seeds are produced in great abundance, though perhaps counting for much less than the runners in spreading the plant. This weed is found in dry, sterile soil and is apparently much more abundant in those of hard clay, being a conspicuous invader of these soils in the northeastern counties. Like several of the foregoing it appears to indicate a soil out of condition. Such lands seem to need drainage and fertilizing, and especially cultivation and rotation with clover. Where the weed comes in pastures the same method is required. A mixture of grasses will sometimes resist adverse conditions more successfully than a single kind.

**243. Ragweed, Roman Wormwood (A.)***Ambrosia artemisiæfolia* L.

Ragweed, with its divided leaves and long spikes of pollen-producing flowers, is known to most persons. It is the universal weed of Ohio grain fields, ranking with our European immigrants in its noxious character. It reappears persistently, following the grain crop, and its hard stems remain to infest the hay of the next year unless sooner removed.

Seeds dark brown, ovoid, with sharp tip,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long,  $\frac{2}{3}$  as thick, smooth, commonly surrounded by an urn-shaped, long-pointed covering, with six or more horn-like projections around the crown. Frequent in American clover seed, and evidently retaining their vitality for many years when buried in the soil. It is, apparently, these soil covered seeds that lie in wait for the removal of the grain crops.

Careful selection of seed and the free use of the mowing machine after harvest will in time conquer even ragweed. But the victory will not be apparent until the soil balance of seeds has been exhausted through years of cultivation. Manifestly the mowing machine should



be used before any seed has been formed, even before blossoming. When the weeds are thus cut down they will form a useful mulch for young grasses.

**244. Tall Ragweed, Horseweed, (A.)**

*Ambrosia trifida* L.

This tall weed with its three-lobed leaves and three-forked flower clusters finds its home in fertile bottoms and roadsides. The cut (Fig. 59) shows the essential characters.

Seeds, like those of the preceding, but much larger,  $\frac{5}{8}$  of an inch long, when enclosed in the dense, pointed, 5 to 7 horned, urn-shaped covering in which these are usually found.

Ohio roadsides should certainly be freed from this weed. That can be done by annual mowing before the plants flower.

**245. Cockle-bur, Clot-bur, (A.)**

*Xanthium Canadense* Mill.



FIG. 59. Tall Ragweed.

(After Millsaugh.)

It is very common by roadsides and occasionally infests moist fields; from both places it may be removed by persistent pulling.

The seeds are enclosed in the large, spiny burs, two in each bur. Prof. Arthur has recently shown that only one of these seeds can be caused to germinate the first year, the other always remaining dormant until the second season.

Keeping in mind these facts, continued care and labor may be well applied in the destruction of the cockle-bur. Road authorities have a clear duty in destroying them.

**246. Spiny Clot-bur, (A.) \**Xanthium spinosum* L.**

The spiny clot-bur has been received from Hamilton, Montgomery and Seneca counties. It differs much from the preceding in its white, heavy appearance and long, straw-colored, three-forked spikes, growing in the leaf axils. It is one of the newly introduced weeds coming to us from tropical America.

Fig. 60 will show the characters of cockle-bur, a weed much despised by shepherds and



FIG. 60. Cockle-bur.

(After Millsaugh.)

**247. Yellow Daisy, Brown-eyed Susan, Niggerhead, (B.)**

*Rudbeckia hirta* L.

The yellow daisy, with its rough, bristly stems, 1 to 2 feet high, oblong or tapering leaves, and large heads with yellow rays and dark purple disk flowers, is found generally in meadows and by roadsides.

Seeds brown, four-angled, about  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch long, with no pappus (hairs) and only a minute border at the top. Frequent in grass and clover seed.

This biennial, if not continuously introduced in the seed sown, may soon be killed out by hand digging.

248. Elecampane, (P.)

\**Inula Helenium* L.



FIG. 61. Elecampane.  
(After Millspaugh.)

Fig. 61 shows the appearance of a flower-stalk and flower of this plant. It is stout, 3 to 5 feet high, with very large lower leaves, woolly beneath. Elecampane has a thick root, and the leaves springing from it have long petioles while the stem leaves are partly clasping. This weed has been occasionally transplanted, probably for ornament or reputed medicinal qualities. It is found in fields, about old house-sites and by roadsides. As a weed, it shows good powers of resistance and a capacity to spread. The plant belongs among our weeds.

Seeds brown, four to five ribbed  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch long with pappus (hairs). They are blown by the wind.

The thick, fleshy root of this weed is not easy to kill. Close cutting with the hoe if repeated, will soon conquer the plant.

249. Everlasting, Cudweed, (A.) *Gnaphalium polycephalum* Michx.

With its light color and woolly, fragrant foliage, the common everlasting may easily be known. It is 1 to 3 feet high, having white, clustered heads and lance-shaped leaves, tapering at the base. It is common in old fields and in dry woods. The cudweeds are none of them particularly aggressive, while the tall ones are not handsome. This one may soon be destroyed by pulling or frequent mowing.

250. Low Cudweed, (A.)

*Gnaphalium uliginosum* L.

In contrast with the preceding, low cudweed is commonly 3 to 5 inches high, spreading upon the ground by diffuse branching. The heads are small, in dense terminal clusters, the foliage green above and whitish beneath. The small tufts of this weed are common in dry soil. About Wooster they occur in gravel walks, fields and in open woodlands. Not especially prominent nor disfiguring. It has been proposed by a correspondent to use this as a bedding plant to secure marked contrast with alternanthera, in borders, etc. It may have value for this purpose.

251. Sunflowers, (P.)

*Helianthus* sp.

The wild sunflowers with their broad leaves and tall stems surmount-



ted by beautiful yellow flower-heads, are usually conspicuous in rich bottoms and upon dry hill sides.

The seeds unlike the most of the family, are without hairy plumes.

Sunflowers may be destroyed by cultivation or by free use of the hoe and salt.

**252 Winged-ironweed, Yellow Ironweed, (P.)**

*Verbesina alternifolia* (L.) Britt.

Its a frequent pest in bottoms. It is very similar in habit to the ironweeds, differing in the yellow heads of flowers and in the winged stems; the wings are more prominent above. It grows 4 to 8 feet high, persisting by the perennial roots.

To be treated in the same manner as the other ironweeds.

**253. Spanish Needles, (A.)**

*Bidens bipinnata* L.

A low, smooth, much branched annual, with three times parted, egg-shaped, tapering leaves and inconspicuous, yellow flowers, which is commonly found growing in moderately dry pastures and waste places. Because of it the sheep come up with brown head-gear at the time when nuts begin to drop and squirrels are plenty in the woods.

Seeds dark, four sided, needle shaped,  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch long, tipped with two to four stout, downwardly barbed awns. Gathered freely by the wool of sheep.

Successfully removed by hand pulling and mowing before the seeds are formed.

**254. Stick-tights, Beggar's-ticks, (A.)**

*Bidens connata* Muhl., *Bidens frondosa* L.

These are taller, leafy annuals, more frequent than the last, especially in moist lands.

Seeds brown, flat, thin, with two or more bearded, forked awns at the top, adhering freely to clothing and animals.

May be subdued largely by a free use of the scythe in late summer.

**255. Tickseed Sunflower, (A.)**

*Bidens trichosperma* (Michx.) Britt.

This is a smooth, branched, rather tall growing plant, with 3 to 7-divided leaves and rather large heads of flowers having golden yellow rays; seeds much as in the last. It is commonly found in wet or marshy land, but as reported from Mahoning county by Mr. E. W. Vickers, this plant is capable of growing along dry roadsides. In these situations near Ellsworth it grew luxuriantly, proving obnoxious to the judgment if not to the eye.

For its destruction the same measures are recommended as for stick-tights.

## 256. Fetid Marigold, (A.)

*\*Dysodia chrysanthemoides* Lag.

It is a nearly smooth plant, about a foot high, with leaves resembling those of spanish needles but prickly toothed. It has a disagreeable odor and has recently become transplanted from the west. It grows luxuriantly where established.

Seeds dark, slender, four angled, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch long, wider above, covered with upwardly pointing hairs, crowned by a ring of short, rusty-brown pappus. Becoming frequent in western seeds and hay.

Destroy it in the same manner as the other annuals just described. It is well worth while to scrutinize the seeds used in order to avoid planting this weed. Its character in Ohio is yet to be learned, though rating nearly as mayweed.

## 257. Sneezeweed, (P.)

*Helenium autumnale* L.

Is a rather smooth plant, 2 to 4 feet high, with toothed, lance-shaped leaves and handsome heads of yellow flowers. The yellow rays are 3 to 5-parted at the tip, which character may serve to identify it. Quite frequent along banks of streams and ditches. Not especially noxious but sometimes impeding the discharge of overflowing waters.

Western species of sneezeweed have been introduced in grass seeds.

## 258. Yarrow, Milfoil, (P.)

*Achillea millefolium* L.

FIG. 32. Yarrow.  
(After Millsbaugh).

Fig. 62 will give an idea of the appearance of this pest of the grass lands. It commonly grows 2 to 4 feet in height and has many fern-like, much divided leaves and flat clusters of flowers having white or pink rays. It is very frequent in meadows, in lawns and by roadsides. An unsightly, ill-smelling plant, much too common.

Seeds small, gray, somewhat wedge-shaped, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch long. Frequent in seeds of timothy and clover in which they constitute a very damaging impurity. Any seeds of yarrow should cause the rejection of the seeds.

Destroyed by cultivation or by persistent hand digging. At some points provision might be made for the cultivation of unused roadsides to rid them of this and other weeds.

**259. Mayweed, Dog's-fennel, (A.)***\*Athemis Cotula L.*

An acrid, ill-smelling annual, shown in Fig. 63. This has leaves cut into narrow segments and small heads of flowers with yellow centers and white rays. A vile weed introduced from Europe, abundant in waste places. The stock-runs and yards are the favorite places for mayweeds. About them it flourishes, usually, without hindrance.

Seeds somewhat columnar, tapering to the base,  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch long with from eight to ten rows of warty projections extending lengthwise. Frequent in the seeds of clover and grasses.

It should be cut or pulled up and destroyed before the blossoms open. If the weed is persistently mown, it will soon be reduced in numbers. The mowing machine here, as with ragweed, can be made serviceable.

**FIG. 63. Mayweed.**

(After Millspaugh)

**260. Corn-chamomile, (A. or B.)***Anthemis arvensis L.*

This weed resembles mayweed but is not ill-scented. It is capable of proving a much worse pest upon the farm because it invades wheat fields and meadows to their great detriment. It is beginning to be found at various points and should be guarded against in the purchase of seeds.

Its seeds resemble the preceding, but with a minute, scale border at the summit.

Impurity of seed is the source of danger and seed scrutiny the means of prevention. It is worth while to pull this out of meadows, etc., by hand or to replot a new one that is badly seeded with the weed.

**261. Oxeye Daisy, White Daisy, (P.)***\*Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum L.*

The illustrations, Fig. 64, will serve to show the characters of this vile weed. Its pretty heads of flowers with white rays and yellow centers are larger than those of any similar weed, while the cut-edged, narrow leaves complete the essential characters. An introduced weed that has rightly been outlawed in most state weed laws. It is nearly always spread by the seeds, which are carried in hay and in seeds of various sorts. Large portions of Ohio are comparatively free from oxeye daisy, while as will be seen from the appended returns of correspondents, it is found a bad pest in many counties. Perennial by short, rather thick rootstocks, it must be entirely unrooted before it will perish.



FIG. 64. Oxeye Daisy, White Daisy.

Parts of a plant showing leaves and flowers.

(After Vasey, Report Botanist 1886. U S Department of Agriculture)

Seeds gray to black as viewed, broader above, with many light colored ribs lengthwise,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch long, with no pappus and with a short point. Frequent in grass seeds, wherein it is an impurity forbidden by statute.

Oxeye daisy, like narrow plantain, requires careful cultivation to destroy it. Where but few plants are found these may be removed by hand digging, but no badly infested field should be continued in grass without first cultivating the weeds out of existence. With this, as with several other weeds, the whole community is concerned when one resident permits it to grow and fails to make sufficient effort to destroy it.

262. Tansy, (P.)

*\*Tanacetum vulgare* L.

Tansy is often planted and remains unless carefully destroyed. It has yellow heads of flowers in dense, flat-topped clusters, and much dissected leaves. It is a bitter, acrid and showy, ill-smelling herb.

Seeds angled and ribbed,  $\frac{1}{10}$  inch long with a large flat top and a short crown.

Plants destroyed by cultivation or by grubbing.

263. Wormwood, (B.)

*Artemisia biennis* L.

This weed grows from 2 to 3 feet high, and has divided, narrowly lobed leaves and inconspicuous heads. The plant has a penetrating, though not entirely unpleasant odor and a bitter taste. It grows with an erect habit and a leafy stem. It has been introduced into a large number of southeastern counties as well as about cities.

Destroyed by grubbing, or pulling.

264. Fireweed, (A.)

*Erechthites hieracifolia* Raf.

This plant is a tall, rank-smelling weed with grooved stem and thin, cut-toothed, tapering leaves. The flowers are whitish, succeeded by an abundance of seeds having a large tuft of hairs on each. This is the weed of new clearings and logheaps. It is attacked by two leaf mildews, *Erysiphe communis* (Wallr.) Schw. and *Sphaerotheca Castagnei* Lév. and also by *Septoria Erechthites* Ell & Ev.

Being an annual it is easily destroyed by cutting, pulling or digging before the blossoms open.

265. Burdock, (B.)

*\*Arctium Lappa* L.

With its very large, rounded leaves and tall stems, having small heads of purplish flowers, the burdock is scarcely unknown. The heads become armed with hooked tips, making them like the burs of *Xanthium* in adhesiveness. They prove vile pests in the wool of sheep and in the manes of horses. The plant has very large, deep roots.

Seeds, light brown, spotted with darker, wider above,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, with occasional lines lengthwise and a short, bristly pappus. Occasionally found in seeds.



FIG. 65. Canada or Field Thistle.

The lower figure, 1, shows a young thistle attached to the piece of underground stem, also bearing four other plants, taken in fall; one-half natural size. 2 shows the heads, and 3, 4, the seed; the former natural size, and the latter enlarged.

Burdocks may be removed with mattock if done before flowering. Certainly if conspicuousness of a plant leads to its recognition there is no reason why burdock should be so often seen about fields and roadsides.

266. Canada Thistle, Field Thistle, (P.) *\*Carduus arvensis L.*

This field pest is well enough known by name, yet a good many persons are mistaking it for other plants and calling other plants the thistle. A complete illustration is shown in Fig. 65. The essential differences from other thistles are the underground stems (with numerous shoots coming to the surface as shown in the figure) the lobed and very spiny leaves and the smaller heads. The absence of the thick tap-root alone usually makes us certain that we have to do with the so-called Canada thistle. It is incorrectly so-named, because it is introduced from Europe and not from Canada. The specific name "*arvensis*" means growing in fields, hence field thistle is a much more correct name. Perhaps there is no weed name that carries with its utterance more of dread to the land owner than that of Canada thistle, yet as I have endeavored to make clear in previous pages, its most noxious feature, that of creeping, rooting, underground stems is possessed by a dozen or more others, including horse-nettle, toad-flax, milkweed, ground-ivy, cypress-spurge, nut-grass, periwinkle, bracted bindweed, field bindweed, quack-grass, dogbane and elders. While this is a vile weed it has been over advertised in comparison with some others equally bad. It has been asserted that the Canada thistle does not mature seed in any part of Ohio. Though it may not ripen seeds south of the latitude of Columbus, it certainly appears to form viable seeds in this county and to the northward. It springs from seed in many new places each year, and spreads from the underground growth in the others. Its capabilities of forming new plants underground are shown in the four shoots of Fig. 65. Open woodlots are its favorite place to grow from seed. The farmer may rightly be particular in looking such carefully through every year. When a tract of these weeds has been discovered the next point is to destroy them before they spread to a great distance. Railroad rights-of-way and roadsides often become infested and in these the plants have not always received the attention required to kill them out. It is attacked by a rust, *Puccinia suaveolens* Rostr., which it has been proposed to use to destroy it. The fungus can scarcely be expected to accomplish this end.

Seeds, gray, oblong,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, striate with obscure lines and with a copious pappus by which they may be carried many miles; present in hay and seeds. In the latter, if, known their presence is a punishable offense. (Sec. 7001 Revised Statutes of Ohio.)

The eradication of Canada thistles is required by their character, but no one can hope to reach this end without continued effort. Sure

and swift cures or destroyers may be advertised, yet the nature of the plants including character of growth, makes these claims beyond reasonable expectation. I have often heard it claimed that Canada thistles had been killed by a single treatment, and while this is possible it is very seldom attained. The underground stems must be starved out to kill Canada thistle. This starving is a slow process and we must be content in our measures, to let time operate. Destruction of this weed falls under two plans:

1. Destruction in small patches.
2. Destruction in field areas of an acre or more.

For the first, repeated cutting with hoe and application of salt, kerosene (coal oil) or sulfuric acid to the cut stems in the ground will usually prove the cheapest and best method. The treatment, at least the cutting, needs to be repeated as often as green leaves of the thistles show above ground. Cutting alone will be sufficient to destroy them but it will need to be followed for two or more seasons to be effectual.

In areas too large to be destroyed by hand work, the summer fallow may be used, to be followed by hand treatment to kill out the small remaining areas. The field should be plowed shallow in June and harrowed to destroy all green tops. Upon the appearance of new growth of the thistles it should be cross-plowed and again harrowed. This procedure is repeated throughout the season, to be followed by careful tillage the next year in corn, potatoes or some other crop that is to receive all summer hoeing and cleaning. After this some patches will commonly remain to be killed out as first suggested. Refuse packing house salt, which is quoted at about twenty-five cents per barrel, is perhaps the cheapest chemical to apply after cutting. Kerosene is sometimes recommended, yet costs more, while sulfuric acid is dangerous to handle, although effective in burning up and destroying whatever it may be applied to.



FIG. 66. Common Thistle.  
(After Millsbaugh.)

Smothering with straw is rarely successful, since the thistles finally grow through it, aside from its depriving the owner of the use of the land for a longer time than summer fallow. The correct principle of destruction is, however, of more importance than the mere method. That is to starve out the underground stems. Two or more seasons will be needed.

#### 267. Common Thistle, Bull Thistle, (B.)

*\*Carduus lanceolatus L.*

The common purple-flowered thistle found in pastures is a biennial, 2 to 4 feet



high, with deep tap-root. The plants start in the fall and may be seen during winter waiting for the next summer to blossom and fruit. The cut (Fig. 66), shows the appearance of the head of this weed; these are about one inch across.

Seeds gray, larger than those of the Canada thistle,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long and abundantly supplied with pappus. Common in hay and seeds.

Destroyed by cutting off below crown before blossoming, usually not destroyed by mowing.

268. Tall Thistle, (B.)

*Carduus altissimus* L.

Is a native thistle with downy stems, 3 to 10 feet high, leafy to the heads and leaves white woolly underneath. The flowers are chiefly purple, the heads large,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inches high. It is found in damp thickets and fields. Destroyed as the preceding.

Seeds, dark brown,  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch long and smooth.

269. Swamp-Thistle.

*Carduus muticus* (Michx.) Pers.

Is an another thistle found in swamps; it has the leaves green on both sides and the heads almost without prickles. It is usually not aggressive.

270. Cotton or Scotch Thistle, (B.)

*\*Onopordon Acanthium* L.

It is an abundant weed in the vicinity of Cincinnati. It has a cottony appearance all over and the leaves extending as wings down the stem.

Destroyed in the same manner as the common thistle.

271. Blue Bottle, Corn Flower, (A.)

*\*Centaurea Cyanus* L.

Is the escaped bachelor's button which sometimes is quite showy in grain fields. It may be removed by hand.

272. Chicory, (P.)

*\*Cichorium Intybus* L.

Is a European plant that shows itself aggressive. The Fig. 67 shows a cut of it with its pretty blue flower heads. The root is large and deep and requires grubbing or close cutting with the hoe. It is most complained of in southwestern Ohio, where it infests the roadsides. Certainly capable of proving a great pest if permitted to escape widely.

Seeds black, four-sided,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch long, top with fringed borders. To be guarded against by scrutiny of seeds. Like the dandelion and spinach, this may be used for food.

273. \*Golden Hawkweed, Orange Hawkweed (P.)

*\*Hieracium aurantiacum* L.



Fig. 67. Chicory.  
(After Millspaugh)

The full sized cut from Dr. Vasey (Fig. 68) shows the characters of



FIG. 68. Golden Hawkweed, Orange Hawkweed.  
The cut shows a plant full size, with leaves and runner.  
(After Vasey, Report Botanist 1890, U. S. Department of Agriculture )

this plant. It spreads by runners as well as by seeds. The flowers range from deep orange to flame color. This is a serious field-pest, described by Prof. L. R. Jones as unquestionably the worst of recent invaders in Vermont. It has reached northeastern Ohio, having been collected by correspondents in the northeastern part of Orwell township, Ashtabula county, at Cherry Valley, same county, at Thompson's Ledge, Geauga county and just received from Columbiana, Columbiana county. In all these localities it does not appear that there are more than a patch or two of the weed.

Seeds oblong, black,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long and ribbed, with slight tawny pappus.

The work upon this weed in Vermont leads Prof. Jones to recommend salt at the rate of one to two tons per acre, which kills the weed without seriously injuring grasses. It should be exterminated in each locality if possible.

274. Dandelion, (P.)

\**Taraxacum Taraxacum* (L.) Karst.

The dandelion is a pretty weed to look upon but difficult to destroy. It is present in lawns and pastures generally. One way to utilize the weed is to take up the roots, and place in earth in the cellar through the winter, where in early spring it will make a growth of pale leaves unsurpassed to mix with spinach or to use alone for food.

Seeds brown, ribbed,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, contracted to a decided point, and with prickles about the base of it.

Destroyed by cultivation or by hand digging with a narrow tool.

275. Wild Lettuce, (A. or B.)

*Lactuca Canadensis* L.



This is the tall growing, yellow-flowered, lobed-leaved plant of fence rows and open woods. It has a rather deep root and a milky juice. While freely eaten by stock the plant is by no means ornamental, deserving to rank as a weed, but in no wise comparable to the next in aggressive characters. It is not an aggressive plant. Besides the common form there is one with entire leaves, now called *Lactuca sagittifolia*, (Fig. 69).

Seeds brown, flat and ribbed, narrowed above as those of cultivated lettuce seeds,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch long and having pappus.

FIG. 69. Wild Lettuce.  
(After Millsbaugh.)

It may be destroyed by cutting with scythe before the blossoms open. Now included in the weed law under the name assumed to apply to prickly lettuce.



FIG. 70. Prickly Lettuce.  
Showing flowering branch, leaves and seeds of the plant.

## 276. Prickly Lettuce, (A.)

\**Lactuca Scariola* L.

Prickly lettuce is illustrated in Fig. 70. This plant has spines or prickles on the midribs and margins of the leaves and upon the stem below. Its milky juice, yellow heads of flowers and other characters resemble those of cultivated lettuce. The weed is an introduction, coming to us from Europe and appearing in Ohio about 1878 or 1879. Since that time it has spread to every county of the state and apparently into their most remote corners. It is a winter annual, starting from seed in the fall and reaching early maturity the succeeding season. It infests clover fields, completely destroying their value and is an omnipresent weed if neglected. Treated of in Bulletin 44 of this Station. Apparently the weed intended to be designated by the term "wild lettuce" in the Ohio weed law.

Seeds, brown, widening upward, ribbed,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long and about one-third as wide, suddenly contracted into a narrow neck, provided with an abundant pappus and carried long distances by the wind, the chief method of dissemination.

While this weed can not now be exterminated it may yet be subdued. If prevented from seeding in most places it will decrease in numbers and aggressiveness. Where mown the plants stool freely and so must be either cut with hoe or pulled to prevent altogether the ripening of seeds. Community of effort will be most effectual in limiting its spread.

## 277. Sow-thistle, (A.)

\**Sonchus asper* (L.) All., *Sonchus oleraceus* L.

FIG. 71. Sow-Thistle.

[After Millspaugh.]

The cut (Fig. 71) shows the appearance of the sow-thistles, which are plants 2 to 5 feet high, having yellow heads of flowers, milky juice and spiny leaves. The leaves of the second are commonly much more lobed and divided, while those of the first are toothed with stiffer spines. A common weed in cultivated ground and about dwellings. Abundant in such places as corn fields that are not cultivated the succeeding spring. For example, in the unseeded shock rows of a corn-stubble wheat field.

Seeds brown, somewhat oval, thin,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch long, striate. Those of *Sonchus oleraceus* also transversely wrinkled.

Destroyed by cutting or pulling.

## 278. Field Sow-thistle, (P.)

\**Sonchus arvensis* L.

Is a perennial sow-thistle, somewhat shorter than the preceding, with similar leaves but larger, bright yellow heads. These and the per-

ennial root will serve to distinguish it from the two preceding. It has been introduced about Cleveland, Painesville and Cincinnati and perhaps at other places.

Seeds as those of *S. oleraceus*, transversely wrinkled on the ribs.

The field sow-thistle requires close hoe cutting or digging to destroy it. This weed promises to compare with dandelion in lawns and parks, yet it is a taller stemmed plant.

279. Salsify, Oyster-plant, (P.)

*\*Tragopogon porrifolius* L.

Is a deep rooted plant with grass like leaves, milky juice and purple flowers. It has escaped from cultivation at many points and is liable to become a prevalent weed.

Seeds, large, brown,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch long, striate and tubercled, with long-stalked, hair-parachute. Perhaps not sufficiently buoyant, by reason of the size of the seeds, to become as prevalent as prickly lettuce.

Destroyed by grubbing out the plants.

## LIST OF SEEDS FOUND IN CLOVER AND TIMOTHY SEEDS.

The following species of weed seed have been found in clover and timothy seed samples examined during the past three years. All the seed was either purchased for use in Ohio or offered for sale in the state.

## FOUND IN CLOVER SEED.

1. Barnyard-grass (*Panicum Crus-galli*).
2. Black Bindweed (*Polygonum Convolvulus*).
3. Black Medick (*Medicago lupulina*).
4. Bracted-plantain (*Plantago aristata*).
5. Broad Plantain (*Plantago Rugelii*).
6. Conical Catchfly (*Silene conica*).
7. Curled Dock (*Rumex crispus*).
8. Crab-grass (*Panicum sanguinale*).
9. Fescue-grass (*Festuca sp*).
10. Foxtail (*Chamaeraphis glauca*).
11. Great Ragweed (*Ambrosia trifida*).
12. Lady's Thumb (*Polygonum Persicaria*).
13. Lamb's-quarters (*Chenopodium album*).
14. Narrow Plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*).
15. Night-flowering Catchfly (*Silene noctiflora*).
16. Old-witch Grass (*Panicum capillare*).
17. Pigweed (*Amaranthus hybridus*).
18. Pennsylvania Smartweed (*Polygonum Pennsylvanicum*).
19. Poppy (*Papaver dubium*).
20. Ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiæfolia*).
21. Roses (*Rosa humilis*).
22. Sorrel (*Rumex Acetosella*).
23. Three-seeded Mercury (*Acalypha Virginica*).
24. Vetch (*Vicia Cracca*).
25. Wheat-thief (*Lithospermum arvense*).
26. Yellow Dock, (*Rumex crispus*).
- 27\* 29. Undetermined.

## FOUND IN TIMOTHY SEED.

1. Bitter Dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*).
2. Broad Plantain (*Plantago Rugelii*).
3. Cinquefoil (*Potentilla Monspeliensis*).
4. Lamb's-quarters (*Chenopodium album*).
5. Moth-mullen (*Verbascum Blattaria*).
6. Narrow Plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*).
7. Peppergrass (*Lepidium Virginicum*).

Evidence of others through introduction in this seed in meadows.

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## ROADSIDE WEEDS.

In Bulletin 59, a request was made for lists of the roadside weeds of Ohio. In response to this request there were received three-hundred and fifty-seven responses from eighty different counties. These have been tabulated in the following tables, Table I and Table II. In them will be found the names of the contributors, post-office address, county and township for which the list is made to apply, and full details of the names of the weeds, the rank and name being indicated by a number placed under the name of the weed mentioned. Only such weeds as are thus indicated are included in the list in question.

# ROADSIDE WEED LISTS.

TABLE I—SHOWING NUMBERS, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CONTRIBUTORS OF LISTS OF ROADSIDE WEEDS.

Number of contributor.	Name of contributor.	Post-office address.	County.	Township.	Official position, if stated.
1	M. V. Williams .....	Hay Hill.....	Adams .....	Scott.....	
2	W. B. Howland.....	Winchester.....	" .....	Winchester.....	
3	J. C. Rinehart.....	Manchester.....	" .....	Sprigg .....	
4	David Brenneman.....	Elida .....	Allen.....	Marion.....	
5	D. D. Miller .....	Lima .....	" .....	German .....	
6	Peter Bixel, Jr.....	Bluffton.....	" .....	Richland.....	
7	D. J. Cable.....	Lima .....	" .....	German .....	
8	W. S. H. Engle .....	" .....	" .....	Perry.....	Farmer
9	Urban C. Engle .....	" .....	" .....	" .....	"
10	S. Criswell.....	McKay .....	Ashland.....	Green .....	"
11	John Camp.....	Red Haw.....	" .....	Perry .....	
12	Warren R. Thomas.....	Nankin .....	" .....	Orange.....	
13	B. J. Urban.....	Ashland.....	" .....	Milton.....	Farmer
14	J. W. Fair .....	Nova.....	" .....	Troy .....	Road supervisor
15	H. F. Guthrie.....	Perrysville.....	" .....	Green .....	
16	J. J. Brown.....	Savannah .....	" .....	Orange.....	Farmer
17	F. A. Beardsley.....	Austinburgh .....	Ashtabula .....	Austinburgh .....	
18	John Tawney.....	Geneva .....	" .....	Geneva .....	
19	Sam'l Hazelton.....	Amboy .....	" .....	Conneaut.....	
20	Chas. E. Williams .....	Ashtabula .....	" .....	Ashtabula .....	
21	L. M. Cowles.....	Austinburgh.....	" .....	Austinburgh .....	
22	H. L. Baker .....	Athens.....	Athens.....	Athens.....	Farmer
23	J. F. Boyles.....	Hebbardsville.....	" .....	Alexander.....	"
24	Thos. Selionones.....	Moulton .....	Auglaize .....	Moulton .....	
25	Henry Kreitzer.....	Wapakoneta.....	" .....	Wapakoneta.....	
26	E. S. Mead.....	Olivet.....	Belmont.....	Kirkwood .....	

27	J. F. Hendershot.....	Hendershot .....	Belmont.....	Washington.....	Merchant and farmer
28	W. A. Shafor.....	Middletown .....	Butler.....	Lemon.....	Township trustee
29	E. J. George.....	Okeano .....	" .....	Morgan .....	
30	Ezra Bourne.....	Contreras .....	" .....	Oxford .....	
31	C. S. Hunter .....	Hamilton .....	" .....	Wayne.....	U. P. Co. Ag. Soc., Pres. Farm. Ins.
32	Thos. Shroyer.....	Ross .....	" .....	Ross .....	Agric. editor
33	E. H. Webster.....	Carrolton .....	Carrol.....	Centre .....	
34	C. M. Liggett.....	Leesville.....	" .....	Orange.....	
35	W. B. Crawford.....	Augusta.....	" .....	Augusta.....	Township trustee
36	Wm P. Bower.....	Magnolia.....	" .....	Ross .....	Rd. supervisor
37	J. E. Straub .....	Westville.....	Champaign.....	Mad River .....	
38	L. M. Ayres .....	Urbana.....	" .....	Urbana.....	
39	Wm. N. Neese.....	Terra Haute.....	" .....	Mud River .....	Country school teacher
40	Jordan Downas.....	North Lewisburg.....	" .....	Rush .....	
41	James Guyton.....	Mutual.....	" .....	Union.....	Township clerk
42	Z. F. Mitchell .....	North Hampton.....	Clarke .....	Pike .....	
43	Edward Harrison.....	Springfield .....	" .....	Moorefield .....	Farmer
44	Abel Laybourne .....	" .....	" .....	Harmony.....	Justice of peace
45	Daniel Deady.....	" .....	" .....	Springfield.....	
46	J. B. Crain .....	Mad River .....	" .....	Bethel .....	Secretary of Grange.
47	C. T. Coates .....	Plattsburg.....	" .....	Harmony .....	
48	C. H. Hoffman.....	Dialton.....	" .....	German .....	
49	J. L. Little.....	Villa .....	" .....	Moorefield .....	Postmaster
50	J. W. Harmison.....	Catawba.....	" .....	Pleasant.....	
51	Lowell Roudebush .....	Stonetick .....	Clermont.....	Stonetick .....	
52	Warren Templin .....	Moore's Fork.....	" .....	Wayne.....	
53	Marcellus Dolby.....	Nicholsville .....	" .....	Monroe .....	
54	Wm. Donley .....	Chilo .....	" .....	Franklin .....	
55	C. C. Binkley.....	Afton .....	" .....	Batavia.....	
56	Geo. Behymer.....	Amelia.....	" .....	" .....	
57	R. L. Greene.....	Morrisville.....	Clinton .....	Washington.....	
58	Samuel Lemar.....	New Burlington .....	" .....	Chester .....	Farmer
59	J. S. Vandervort.....	New Antioch .....	" .....	Green.....	"
60	Jesse N. Orm.....	Gurneysville .....	" .....	Liberty .....	"
61	F. J. Porter.....	New Antioch .....	" .....	Green.....	"
62	J. E. Thrusher.....	Martinsville .....	" .....	Clark .....	Corporation clerk
63	Cary Clark.....	New Vienna .....	" .....	Green.....	Trustee
64	Ralph E. Galbreath.....	Leetonia .....	Columbiana .....	Fairfield .....	
65	J. C. Atterholt .....	Bucks P. O.....	" .....	Salem.....	Reporter W. I. C. Bulletin
66	M. Jehu .....	Teegarden .....	" .....		

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Number of contributor.	Name of contributor.	Postoffice address.	County.	Township.	Official position, if stated.
67	O. Priwer.....	New Bedford.....	Coshocton.....	Crawford .....	Pastor
68	Jacob Balo.....	Adams Mills.....	" .....	Virginia .....	Member of school board.
69	J. H. Drummond.....	Tiverton .....	" .....	Tiverton .....	Farmer and horticulturist
70	Warren Griffen.....	Newcastle .....	" .....	Newcastle .....	Farmer
71	J. C. Davis.....	Tiro .....	Crawford .....	Auburn .....	Member board of health
72	C. A. Handy.....	Cleveland .....	Cuyahoga .....	" .....	L. S. and M. S. R. R. engineer
73	C. A. Carpenter.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	" .....
74	P. W. Barton.....	Bement .....	" .....	" .....	" .....
75	O. N. Porter.....	Cleveland .....	" .....	" .....	" .....
76	V. D. Hammond.....	Warrensville .....	" .....	Warrensville .....	" .....
77	R. W. Henry.....	Parma .....	" .....	Parma .....	" .....
78	Almon Dille.....	Nottingham .....	" .....	Euclid .....	Township clerk
79	Irvin Baker.....	Baker .....	Darke .....	Neave.....	" .....
80	I. M. Ross.....	German .....	" .....	German .....	" .....
81	L. G. Turner.....	Hollandsburg .....	" .....	Harrison .....	Infirmiry director
82	J. M. Winters.....	Dawn .....	" .....	" .....	" .....
83	W. E. Kester.....	German .....	" .....	German .....	Clerk of village
84	Abraham Baker.....	Defiance .....	Defiance.....	Richland .....	School examiner
85	Jacob Young.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	" .....
86	Orlando Ewing.....	Mark Centre.....	" .....	Marks.....	" .....
87	H. L. Truxler.....	The Bend .....	" .....	Delaware .....	Township clerk
88	L. A. Carpenter.....	Defiance .....	" .....	Defiance .....	Road supervisor
89	N. B. Hall.....	Hicksville.....	" .....	" .....	" .....
90	H. W. Coy.....	Sherwood .....	" .....	Washing .....	Crop correspondent
91	Albert Ellis.....	Defiance .....	" .....	Richland .....	" .....
92	Phillip Young.....	Jewell .....	" .....	" .....	" .....
93	E. L. Fulmer.....	Defiance .....	" .....	Defiance .....	" .....
94	Z. H. Miller.....	Sherwood .....	" .....	Delaware.....	" .....
95	George J. Roberts.....	Galena.....	Delaware .....	Berkshire .....	Notary

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96	L. G. McKinnie.....	Hyattville.....	Delaware.....	Liberty.....	
97	Wm. H. N. il.....	Venice.....	Erie.....	No. Margaretta.....	St. cr'p reporter
98	L. W. Saunders.....	Milan.....	".....	Oxford.....	
99	Alfred Heys.....	Ogontz.....	".....	Berlin.....	
100	John H. Everingham.....	Milan.....	".....	Man.....	Farmer
101	Stephen Garringer.....	Washington C. H.....	Fayette.....	County.....	Farmer, etc
102	Cyrus Coll.....	Jeffersonville.....	".....	Jefferson.....	"
103	J. R. Williams.....	Westerville.....	Franklin.....	Blendon.....	Township clerk
104	Nelson Hagerman.....	Swanton.....	Fulton.....	Swanton, Lucas Co..	Trustee
105	J. J. Bruehlman.....	Elmira.....	".....	German.....	
106	C. H. McCormick.....	Gallipolis.....	Gallia.....	Gree.....	Farmer
107	A. O. Dyer.....	Evergreen.....	".....	Springfield.....	
108	W. A. Sonks.....	Vinton.....	".....	Huntington.....	
109	J. A. Rader.....	Northup.....	".....	Green.....	
110	Eugene L. Wilnot.....	Claridon.....	Geauga.....	Claridon.....	
111	Albert Aukenev.....	Alpha.....	Greene.....	Beaver Creek.....	
112	J. N. Collett.....	Spring Valley.....	".....	Spring Valley.....	
113	E. S. Adams.....	Osborn.....	".....	".....	
114	J. C. Toland.....	Jamestown.....	".....	New Jasper.....	Road supervisor
115	Geo. W. Rife.....	Clifton.....	".....	Miami.....	
116	G. W. Phillips.....	Kimbolton.....	Cucunsey.....	Wheeling.....	
117	James Fry.....	Lyons.....	".....	Buffalo.....	Farmer
118	Homer W. Jackson.....	Cambridge.....	".....	Cambridge.....	"
119	J. L. Forney.....	Bird's Run.....	".....	".....	
120	A. R. Case.....	Mt. Healthy.....	Hamilton.....	Springfield.....	
121	Thomas B. Matthews.....	Newtown.....	".....	Anderson.....	
122	D. Martz.....	Arlington.....	Hancock.....	".....	
123	John W. Bails.....	Deweyville.....	".....	Pleasant.....	Township trustee
124	C. W. Powell.....	Findlay.....	".....	Liberty.....	
125	A. B. Putnara.....	Findlay.....	".....	Marion.....	
126	Henry Morlock.....	Fostoria.....	".....	Washington.....	Fruit grower
127	Joseph O. Dodge.....	Kenton.....	Hardin.....	Buck.....	
128	George Roberts.....	Belle Center.....	".....	McDonald.....	Township clerk
129	Parker Hall.....	Harrisville.....	Harrison.....	Shortcreek.....	Farmer
130	Winfield S. Price.....	Tippicanoe.....	".....	Washington.....	"
131	W. B. Johnston.....	Coatton.....	".....	North.....	
132	Ellis Fulton.....	Cassville.....	".....	".....	
133	Morrison Moorhead.....	Cadiz.....	".....	Green.....	Farmer
134	Wm. Salmon.....	Jewett.....	".....	Rumley.....	
135	L. M. Grove.....	Napoleon.....	Henry.....	Monroe.....	Township clerk

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136	C. A. Brady.....	Hamler .....	Henry .....	Marion.....	Farmer
137	S. P. Powell.....	Grand Rapids .....	" .....	Damascus .....	"
138	J. E. Schwartz.....	Belmont .....	" .....	Bartlow .....	
139	W. W. Thornburg .....	Highland .....	Highland .....	Fairfield .....	Road supervisor
140	Henry W. Hope .....	Paint .....	" .....	Paint .....	Postmaster
141	A. M. Florence .....	Hollowtown .....	" .....	Hamer .....	
142	L. F. House, M. D. ....	Sinking Springs.....	" .....	Brush Creek.....	Weather observer, mayor
143	A. F. Richards .....	Hillsboro .....	" .....	Liberty .....	Farmer
144	John Adams.....	Greenfield .....	" .....	Madison.....	Supervisor
145	Dr. J. L. Wilson .....	" .....	" .....	" .....	Member state charity board
146	J. A. McClelland.....	South Perry.....	Hocking .....	Perry .....	
147	A. J. Reynolds.....	Shreve .....	Holmes .....	Ripley .....	Township clerk
148	James Fleming.....	Paint Valley.....	" .....	" .....	
149	John Cheney .....	Fitchville .....	Huron .....	Fitchville .....	Farmer
150	J. P. Hartman .....	" .....	" .....	" .....	Supervisor
151	H. P. Nelson.....	Peru .....	" .....	Peru .....	
152	Harriet Mason .....	Wellington.....	" .....	Brighton.....	
153	Orlando Avery.....	N. Monroeville .....	" .....	Lyme .....	Farmer
154	W. B. Hall .....	Wakeman .....	" .....	Wakeman .....	
155	A. W. Grandon .....	Steuben .....	" .....	Greenfield.....	Rain recorder
156	J. B. Dawson.....	New Haven .....	" .....	" .....	
157	S. E. Peck .....	Greenwich .....	" .....	Ripley .....	Supervisor
158	Chas. A. Jenney .....	" .....	" .....	Greenwich .....	
159	F. E. Weeks.....	Clarksfield .....	" .....	Clarksfield .....	Township clerk
160	C. W. Reed .....	Olena .....	" .....	Hartland .....	Farmer
161	Henry A. Tucker .....	Woodford .....	" .....	" .....	"
162	Preston Palmer.....	Fitchville .....	" .....	Fitchville .....	Notary public
163	Wm. F. Barnum.....	N. Fairfield .....	" .....	Fairfield .....	Township clerk
164	Chas N. Youngs.....	New Haven .....	" .....	New Haven .....	Road supervisor

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165	J. H. Bristol.....	Rochester .....	Huron .....	New London.....	Farmer
166	D. M. Oliver.....	Rush Run.....	Jefferson.....		
167	W. S. Ault.....	Island Creek.....	" .....		
168	Sam'l Wolfe.....	Esto.....	Knox.....	Butler.....	Township clerk
169	Geo. Vernon.....	Gambier.....	" .....	College.....	Butcher
170	T. E. Haughey.....	Mt. Vernon.....	" .....	Clinton.....	Student
171	J. Burr Talmage .....	Fredericktown .....	" .....	Middleberry.....	Secretary F. M. B. A.
172	Geo. O'Daniel.....	Martinsburg.....	" .....	Clay.....	Township treasurer
173	N. J. Coe.....	Lock.....	" .....	Milford.....	Farmer
174	Wm. A. Kirkpatrick.....	Greersville.....	" .....	Jefferson.....	"
175	C. W. Rinehart.....	Centresburgh .....	" .....	Hilliard.....	Supervisor
176	Ewing Sims.....	Eugene.....	" .....	Wayne.....	Trustee
177	A. C. Staggs.....	Fredericktown .....	" .....	Middleberry.....	Road supervisor
178	C. B. Drake.....	Little Mountain.....	Lake.....	Concord.....	
179	Chas. Schwind.....	Painesville.....	" .....	Mentor.....	
180	Geo. Blish.....	West Mentor.....	" .....	" .....	Trustee
181	James Bull.....	Hanging Rock.....	Lawrence.....	Hamilton.....	Met. observer
182	B. D. Jackson.....	Appleton.....	Licking.....	Liberty.....	Trustee
183	Lewis Dunavan.....	Norman.....	" .....	Newton .....	Supervisor
184	J. M. Stewart.....	Newark.....	" .....	" .....	
185	Chas. McKinney.....	Alexandria.....	" .....	Jersey.....	
186	E. J. Thumwood.....	New Way.....	" .....	Liberty.....	
187	Geo. Stewart.....	Newark.....	" .....	Newton .....	
188	Bun Moreland.....	Pataskala.....	" .....	Lima.....	Farmer
189	S. O. Preston.....	Vanatta.....	" .....	Newton .....	
190	J. H. Bower.....	Newark.....	" .....	Newark.....	
191	J. D. Gosnell.....	Highwater.....	" .....	McKean.....	Farmer
192	J. C. Neel.....	Hebron.....	" .....	Union.....	Township trustee
193	John S. Shawver.....	Bellefontaine.....	Logan.....	Harrison.....	Farmer
194	John Rosebrook.....	Big Springs .....	" .....	Rushcreek.....	"
195	Edwin Booth.....	Oberlin.....	Lorain.....	Russia.....	"
196	R. Baker.....	Elyria.....	" .....	Elyria.....	"
197	Wm. J. Gibson.....	Grafton .....	" .....	Grafton .....	Notary, &c.
198	I. S. Metcalf.....	Elyria.....	" .....	Elyria.....	
199	A. W. Kelsy.....	Huntington.....	" .....	Huntington .....	Supervisor
200	Elijah Demuth.....	Neowash.....	Lucas.....	Providence.....	Farmer
201	H. M. White.....	Grand Rapids.....	" .....	" .....	
202	Myron P. Sanderson.....	Richfield Centre.....	" .....	Richfield.....	Justice of the peace
203	A. E. Foster.....	Toledo, O. ....	" .....		Real estate
204	E. W. Dilgarb.....	Swanton.....	" .....	Spencer.....	Dairy and Food Commissioner

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205	Geo. I Cooper.....	Waterville.....	Lucas .....	Waterville.....	Notary
206	J. C. Misser.....	Toledo.....	" .....	Oregon.....	
207	E. E. Hasty.....	Richards .....	" .....	Sylvania.....	
208	Harry Weaver.....	Rosedale .....	Madison .....	Pike .....	Township clerk
209	D. D. Johnson.....	Sedalia .....	" .....	Range .....	
210	J. A. Treheame.....	London .....	" .....	Union.....	Assessor
211	J. E. Johnson.....	Tiger.....	Mahoning .....	Milton.....	
212	G. D. Carson.....	North Jackson.....	" .....	Jackson.....	
213	R. L. Armstrong .....	Garfield.....	" .....	Goshen.....	Township trustee
214	Chas. A. Carver.....	North Jackson.....	" .....	Jackson.....	Ex. supervisor
215	Jonas Cullar.....	East Lewiston.....	" .....	Beaver.....	Farmer
216	Geo. Cobb.....	Garfield.....	" .....	Goshen.....	
217	Enos Cosk.....	Beloit.....	" .....	Smith.....	Farmer
218	M. Click.....	Adelaide.....	Marion .....	Claridon.....	
219	L. J. Russell .....	Caledonia.....	" .....	" .....	Statistical cor.
220	W. S. Wait.....	Hinckley.....	Medina.....	Hinckley.....	Township clerk
221	E. P. Kellogg.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	
222	David O. Pond.....	River Styx.....	" .....	Guilford.....	Justice of the peace
223	F. F. Wyman.....	Brunswick.....	" .....	Brunswick.....	
224	F. A. Peebles.....	Seville .....	" .....	Westfield.....	
225	J. J. Leehleitner.....	" .....	" .....	" .....	
226	John Monosmuth.....	Spencer .....	" .....	Spencer .....	Rep. S. B. Agr.
227	E. F. Pierce.....	Whittlesey.....	" .....	LaFayette.....	Sup. and trustee
228	A. R. Clapp.....	Lodi .....	" .....	Harrisonville .....	Councilman
229	A. L. Clapp.....	Chatham.....	" .....	Chatham.....	Supervisor
230	David Eversole.....	Millersport.....	Meigs .....	" .....	
231	Jas. G. Miller.....	Bashan.....	" .....	Chester .....	Trustee
232	S. C. Larkin.....	Rutland.....	" .....	Rutland.....	Farmer
233	Wm. Lanbrier .....	Echo.....	" .....	Chester.....	Postmaster



234	Wm. Nickeyer .....	Chickasaw.....	Mercer .....	Marion .....	Farmer
235	D. S. Howick .....	Celina .....	" .....	Center .....	"
236	D. W. Barger .....	Ft. Recovery .....	" .....	Gibson .....	
237	J. H. Varner .....	New Carlisle .....	Miami .....	Bethel .....	Pike superintendent
238	D. H. Lentz .....	Piqua .....	" .....	Washington .....	"
239	Cyrus R. Frisk .....	Clayton .....	Montgomery .....	Randolph .....	Trustee
240	Jerry Wenger .....	Little York .....	" .....	Butler .....	Farmer
241	Ephraim Somers .....	Brookville .....	" .....	Clay .....	Justice of the peace.
242	W. C. Randall .....	Vandalia .....	" .....	Butler .....	Supervisor
243	Robert Moore .....	Hackney .....	Morgan .....	Center .....	Trustee
244	L. C. Lyman .....	Edison .....	Morrow .....	Gilead .....	Council
245	W. H. Ramey .....	Mt. Gilead .....	" .....	" .....	Board of education
246	J. B. Breckinridge .....	Westfield .....	" .....	Westfield .....	"
247	Frank Perrinton .....	Stanton .....	" .....	Fern .....	Township clerk
248	J. A. Noe .....	Marengo .....	" .....	Bennington .....	"
249	J. C. White .....	Peerless .....	" .....	" .....	Supervisor
250	Geo. C. Geddes .....	Hoskinsville .....	Noble .....	Noble .....	Farmer
251	Jos. H. Pryor .....	Harrietsville .....	" .....	Elk .....	Justice of the peace
252	Wm. Kinsting .....	Elmore .....	Ottawa .....	Harris .....	Trustee
253	Theodore S. Gumb .....	Limestone .....	" .....	Benton .....	"
254	Marcus Wright .....	Grover Hill .....	Paulding .....	Latty .....	Township clerk
255	Joseph Clementz .....	Paulding .....	" .....	Jackson .....	
256	J. Q. Willett .....	Junction .....	" .....	Auglaize .....	Weather reporter
257	E. H. Ardrey .....	Mt. Perry .....	Perry .....	Madison .....	
258	Simon McLean .....	Maholm .....	" .....	Pike .....	Road supervisor
259	W. A. Russell .....	Beaver .....	Pike .....	Marion .....	
260	Edwin L. Hall .....	Hiram .....	Portage .....	Hiram .....	Township clerk
261	Wm. Brockett .....	Randolph .....	" .....	Randolph .....	Farmer
262	M. H. Heighton .....	Kent .....	" .....	Franklin .....	
263	John T. Roetzel .....	Suffield .....	" .....	Suffield .....	Postmaster
264	Joseph Heighton .....	Kent .....	" .....	Franklin .....	
265	Henry B. Coe .....	Mantua Station .....	" .....	Shalersville .....	Trustee and infirmiry director
266	N. H. Merwin .....	Diamond .....	" .....	Palmyra .....	County commissioner
267	J. A. Garretson .....	New Paris .....	Preble .....	Jefferson .....	
268	C. Kelly .....	Eaton .....	" .....	Washington .....	Supervisor
269	David S. Marshall .....	Camden .....	" .....	Somers .....	Pike commissioner
270	Edward A. Ehler .....	Eaton .....	" .....	Twin .....	Farmer
271	J. B. Auseon .....	West Leipsic .....	Putnam .....	Liberty .....	Supervisor
272	J. D. Burman .....	Kalida .....	" .....	" .....	Farmer
273	J. G. Ford .....	Rushmore .....	" .....	Jennings .....	

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274	Henry Tongue .....	Shiloh .....	Richland .....	Blooming Grove.....	Farmer
275	Robert Hunter .....	Rives .....	" .....	" .....	Treasurer
276	Henry Wilson .....	Plymouth .....	" .....	" .....	Farmer
277	S. W. Fulton .....	Newville .....	" .....	Monroe .....	"
278	G. C. Iles .....	Darlington .....	" .....	Perry .....	
279	J. H. Munnell .....	Ontario .....	" .....	Springfield .....	Notary public
280	C. B. Tingley .....	Mansfield .....	" .....	Madison .....	Township trustee
281	J. L. Garber .....	Bellville .....	" .....	Jefferson .....	County commissioner
282	David Arnold .....	Ganges .....	" .....	Franklin .....	Justice of peace
283	John Morrison .....	Fremont .....	Sandusky .....	Ballville .....	Farmer
284	D. B. Caldwell .....	Vickery .....	" .....	Townsend .....	Township trustee
285	David Daub .....	Burgoon .....	" .....	Jackson .....	Farmer
286	H. L. Persing .....	Clyde .....	" .....	Green Creek .....	Fruit commissioner
287	J. W. Smith .....	Otway .....	Scioto .....	Brush Creek .....	County commissioner
288	John Hogan .....	Portsmouth .....	" .....	Clay .....	Trustee
289	J. B. Wilhelm .....	St. Stephens .....	Seneca .....	Venice .....	
290	Wm. Everingin .....	Attica .....	" .....	" .....	Farmer
291	J. W. Walker .....	" .....	" .....	" .....	Road supervisor
292	A. B. Hollenbaugh .....	Fostoria .....	" .....	Jackson .....	Gardener
293	James H. Knapp .....	Republic .....	" .....	Scipio .....	County commissioner
294	D. B. Crissel .....	" .....	" .....	" .....	Township trustee
295	S. D. Beeghley .....	Scipio Siding .....	" .....	" .....	Postmaster
296	John M. Layman .....	Piqua, Miami Co. ....	Shelby .....	Orange .....	
297	Joseph F. Vocke .....	Loramies .....	" .....	McLean .....	Township clerk
298	J. B. Greve .....	Botkins .....	" .....	Dinsmore .....	Justice of peace
299	Martha McCaughey .....	Canal Fulton .....	Stark .....	" .....	
300	Jas. K. Exline .....	Battlesburg .....	" .....	Pike .....	Farmer
301	N. K. Bowman .....	No. Lawrence .....	" .....	Lawrence .....	
302	Solomon Essig .....	Canton .....	" .....	Plain .....	Farmer

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303	O. J. Vine.....	Canton.....	Stark.....	Nimishillen.....	
304	J. F. Moels.....	Louisville.....	".....	".....	Farmer
305	Wm. Maxheimer.....	Pigeon Run.....	".....	Tuscarawas.....	"
306	W. E. Hinman.....	Tallmadge.....	Summit.....	Tallmadge.....	"
307	Chas. M. Peterson.....	Peninsula.....	".....	Boston.....	Clerk board of education
308	E. A. Season.....	Metz.....	".....	Hudson.....	Farmer
309	T. J. Santon.....	Akron.....	".....	".....	Blacksmith
310	Eugene T. Cranz.....	Ira.....	".....	Bath.....	Student
311	F. L. Harrington.....	Cuyahoga.....	".....	Northampton.....	
312	Elmer C. Tanney.....	Cortland.....	Trumbull.....	".....	Farmer
313	D. H. Wilder.....	North Bloomfield.....	".....	Bloomfield.....	"
314	E. W. Hyde.....	Orangefield.....	".....	Hartford & Vernon..	
315	H. L. Perking.....	Farmdale.....	".....	Kinsman.....	Weather reporter.
316	H. D. Barker.....	Fowler.....	".....	".....	
317	Almon N. Rood.....	Phalanx.....	".....	Bruceville.....	
318	Wm. Brobst.....	Leavittsburg.....	".....	Warren.....	
319	J. G. McPherson.....	Newcomerstown.....	Tuscarawas.....	Oxford.....	Farmer
320	E. Larimer.....	New Cumberland.....	".....	Fairfield.....	"
321	Jacob Myers.....	Strasburg.....	".....	Franklin.....	"
322	D. Shaw.....	Minerva.....	".....	".....	"
323	O. G. Jackson.....	Peoria.....	Union.....	Liberty.....	
324	W. D. Cameron.....	Richwood.....	".....	Jackson.....	
325	Joseph Easton.....	Watkins.....	".....	Millcreek.....	Trustee
326	J. W. Jenkins.....	Cavett.....	Van Wert.....	Union.....	
327	A. S. Straw.....	Olive City.....	".....	Liberty.....	Farmer
328	James Davis.....	Fosters.....	Warren.....	Deerfield.....	
329	Wm. Villars.....	Clarksville.....	".....	Washington.....	Twp. clerk
330	James M. Ferris.....	Edwardsville.....	".....	Harlan.....	
331	C. B. Michener.....	Waynesville.....	".....	Wayne.....	Farmer
332	Thos. Smith.....	Morrow.....	".....	Salem.....	
333	S. S. McNeal.....	Corner.....	Washington.....	Belpre.....	Twp. trustee
334	Levi Hall.....	Warner.....	".....	Aurelius.....	
335	J. K. Reynolds.....	Big Prairie.....	Wayne.....	Clinton.....	Farmer
336	H. R. Mowrey.....	Reedsburg.....	".....	Plain.....	"
337	C. B. Way.....	Shreve.....	".....	Clinton.....	
338	Peter Amstutz.....	Smithville.....	".....	".....	
339	Henry Shreve.....	Millbrook.....	".....	Clinton.....	
340	F. C. Billan.....	Bryan.....	Williams.....	Pulaski.....	Twp. trustee
341	C. C. Lutz.....	Kunkle.....	".....	Millcreek.....	Trustee
342	I. N. Kitner.....	Edon.....	".....	Florence.....	Twp. clerk

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343	W. S. Brown.....	West Unity.....	Williams.....	Brady.....	Corporation clerk
344	Fred. W. Henry.....	Dowling.....	Wood.....	Webster.....	
345	E. H. King.....	Haskins.....	".....		
346	John A. McKean.....	Scotch Ridge.....	".....	Webster.....	Farmer
347	Wm. M. Leaming.....	Milton Centre.....	".....	Milton.....	Twp. clerk
348	Hugh W. Boyd.....	Longley.....	".....		Farmer
349	Wm. C. Harris.....	Toledo.....	".....	Ross.....	
350	S. P. Balliet.....	Nevada.....	Wyandot.....	Eden.....	Supervisor
351	J. F. Cornell.....	Upper Sandusky.....	".....	Salem.....	Farmer
352	J. W. Houpt.....	McCutchenville.....	".....	Tymochter.....	Twp. clerk
353	J. D. Carothers.....	Carey.....	".....		
354	I. A. Durboraw.....	McCutchenville.....	".....	Tymochter.....	J. P. and P. M.
355	Sam Kuenzle.....	Upper Sandusky.....	".....	Crane.....	Farmer
356	D. L. Baker.....	Wheaton.....	".....	Richland.....	
357	S. L. Moses.....	Upper Sandusky.....	".....	Crane.....	







No. of contributor.	County.
Prickly Lettuce, <i>Lactuca Scariola</i> L.	Cuyahoga.....
Ox-Eye Daisy, <i>Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum</i> L.	Darke.....
Canada Thistle, <i>Carduus arvensis</i> L.	".....
Common Thistle, <i>Carduus lanceolatus</i> L.	".....
Ragweed, <i>Ambrosia artemisiæfolia</i> L.	".....
Horseweed, <i>Ambrosia trifida</i> L.	".....
Wild Carrot, <i>Daucus Carota</i> L.	".....
Wild Parsnip, <i>Pastinaca sativa</i> L.	".....
Teasel, <i>Dipsacus sylvestris</i> Huds.	".....
Burdock, <i>Arctium Lappa</i> L.	".....
Cockle-bur. <i>Xanthium Canadense</i> Mill.	".....
Yarrow, <i>Achillea millefolium</i> L.	".....
Goldenrod, <i>Solidago Canadensis</i> L.	".....
Tansy, <i>Tanacetum vulgare</i> L.	".....
Mayweed, Dog's-fennel, <i>Anthemis Cotula</i> L.	".....
Chicory, <i>Cichorium Intybus</i> L.	".....
Aster sp.	".....
Ironweed, <i>Vernonia gigantea</i> Walt.	".....
Briers, <i>Rubus villosus</i> Ait.	".....
Wild Rose, <i>Rosa humilis</i> Marsh.	".....
Wild Mustard, <i>Brassica Sinapistrum</i> L.	".....
Sour Dock, <i>Rumex obtusifolius</i> L.	".....
Yellow Dock, <i>Rumex crispus</i> L.	".....
Sorrel, <i>Rumex Acetosella</i> L.	".....
Smartweed, <i>Polygonum Hydropiper</i> L. (?)	".....
Sweet Clover, <i>Melilotus alba</i> Lam.	".....
Broad Plantain, <i>Plantago Rugelii</i> Decaisne.	".....
Mullen, <i>Verbascum Thapsus</i> L.	".....
Moth Mullen, <i>Verbascum Blattaria</i> L.	".....
Bindweed, <i>Convolvulus Sepium</i> L.	".....
Jimsonweed, <i>Datura Tatula</i> L.	".....
Horse Nettle, <i>Solanum Carolinense</i> L.	".....
Milkweed, <i>Asclepias Syriaca</i> L.	".....
Sumac, <i>Rhus glabra</i> L.	".....
Poison Ivy, <i>Rhus radicans</i> L.	".....
Shrub-St. John's-wort, <i>Hypericum prolificum</i> L.	".....
Herb-St. John's-wort, <i>Hypericum perforatum</i> L.	".....
Russian Thistle, <i>Salsola Kali-Tragus</i> (L.) Moq.	".....
Pigweed, <i>Amaranthus hybridus</i> L.	".....
Goosefoot, Lamb's-quarters, <i>Chenopodium album</i> L.	".....
Orache, <i>Atriplex hastata</i> L.	".....
Pigeonweed, <i>Lithospermum arvense</i> L.	".....
Elders, <i>Sambucus Canadensis</i> L.	".....
Cheat, <i>Bromus secalinus</i> L.	".....
White-top, <i>Erigeron annuus</i> Pers.	".....
Spanish Needles, <i>Bidens bipinnata</i> L.	".....
Catnip, <i>Nepeta Cataria</i> L.	".....
Tumbleweed, <i>Amaranthus albus</i> L.	".....
Narrow Plantain, <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L.	".....
Wild Lettuce, <i>Lactuca Canadensis</i> L.	".....
Brush.	".....

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118	Guernsey	Prickly Lettuce, <i>Lactuca Scariola</i> L.
119	"	Ox-Eye Daisy, <i>Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum</i> L.
120	Hamilton	Canada Thistle, <i>Carduus arvensis</i> L.
121	"	Common Thistle, <i>Carduus lanceolatus</i> L.
122	Hancock	Ragweed <i>Ambrosia artemisiaefolia</i> L.
123	"	Horseweed, <i>Ambrosia trifida</i> L.
124	"	Wild Carrot <i>Daucus Carota</i> L.
125	"	Wild Parsnip <i>Pastinaca sativa</i> L.
126	"	Teasel, <i>Dipsacus sylvestris</i> Huds.
127	Hardin	Burdock, <i>Arctium Lappa</i> L.
128	"	Cockle-bur. <i>Xanthium Canadense</i> Mill.
129	Harrison	Yarrow, <i>Achillea millefolium</i> L.
130	"	Goldenrod, <i>Solidago Canadensis</i> L.
131	"	Tansy, <i>Tanacetum vulgare</i> L.
132	"	Mayweed, Dog's-fennel, <i>Anthemis Cotula</i> L.
133	"	Chicory, <i>Cichorium Intybus</i> L.
134	"	Aster sp.
135	Henry	Ironweed, <i>Vernonia gigantea</i> Walt.
136	"	Briers, <i>Rubus villosus</i> Ait.
137	"	Wild Rose, <i>Rosa humilis</i> Marsh.
138	"	Wild Mustard, <i>Brassica Sinapistrum</i> L.
139	Highland	Sour Dock, <i>Rumex obtusifolius</i> L.
140	"	Yellow Dock, <i>Rumex crispus</i> L.
141	"	Sorrel, <i>Rumex Acetosella</i> L.
142	"	Smartweed, <i>Polygonum Hydropiper</i> L. (?)
143	"	Sweet Clover, <i>Melilotus alba</i> Lam.
144	"	Broad Plantain, <i>Plantago Rugelii</i> Decaisne.
145	"	Mullen, <i>Verbascum Thapsus</i> L.
146	Hocking	Moth Mullen, <i>Verbascum Blattaria</i> L.
147	Holmes	Bindweed, <i>Convolvulus Sepium</i> L.
148	"	Jimsonweed, <i>Datura Tatula</i> L.
149	Huron	Horse Nettle, <i>Solanum Carolinense</i> L.
150	"	Milkweed, <i>Asclepias Syriaca</i> L.
151	"	Sumac, <i>Rhus glabra</i> L.
152	"	Poison Ivy, <i>Rhus radicans</i> L.
153	"	Shrub-St. John's-wort, <i>Hypericum prolificum</i> L.
154	"	Herb-St. John's-wort, <i>Hypericum perforatum</i> L.
155	"	Russian Thistle, <i>Salsola Kali-Tragus</i> (L.) Moq.
156	"	Pigweed, <i>Amaranthus hybridus</i> L.
157	"	Goosefoot, Lamb's-quarters, <i>Chenopodium album</i> L.
158	"	Orache, <i>Atriplex hastata</i> L.
159	"	Pigeonweed, <i>Lithospermum arvense</i> L.
160	"	Elders, <i>Sambucus Canadensis</i> L.
161	"	Cheat, <i>Bromus secalinus</i> L.
162	"	White-top, <i>Erigeron annuus</i> Pers.
163	"	Spanish Needles, <i>Bidens bipinnata</i> L.
164	"	Catnip, <i>Nepeta Cataria</i> L.
165	"	Tumbleweed, <i>Amaranthus albus</i> L.
166	"	Narrow Plantain, <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L.
167	"	Wild Lettuce, <i>Lactuca Canadensis</i> L.
168	"	Brush.



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Ox-Eye Daisy, <i>Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum L.</i>	" " " " " "
Canada Thistle, <i>Carduus arvensis L.</i>	" " " " " "
Common Thistle, <i>Cardus lanceolatus L.</i>	" " " " " "
Ragweed, <i>Ambrosia artemisiaefolia L.</i>	" " " " " "
Horseweed, <i>Ambrosia trifida L.</i>	" " " " " "
Wild Carrot, <i>Daucus Carota L.</i>	" " " " " "
Wild Parsnip, <i>Pastinaca sativa L.</i>	" " " " " "
Teasel, <i>Dipsacus sylvestris Huds.</i>	" " " " " "
Burdock, <i>Arctium Lappa L.</i>	" " " " " "
Cockle-bur. <i>Xanthium Canadense Mill.</i>	" " " " " "
Yarrow, <i>Achillea millefolium L.</i>	" " " " " "
Goldenrod, <i>Solidago Canadensis L.</i>	" " " " " "
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